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## Comment of the day

### BRITAIN ON HARD TIMES

BRITAIN'S economy is, to say the least, in a bad way and this has caused the Chancellor of the Exchequer to take drastic action.

The move to curb inflation has aroused a storm of criticism on both sides of the House of Commons and the Labour Party is not missing a trick in blasting the Government.

But the blame does not lie entirely with the Conservatives. In fact, much of the blame fits squarely on the shoulders of the unions and their leaders' inability to control the various elements who are able at will to destroy the country's economy.

It is quite true that Britain "never had it so good" at the time of the last General Election and the Conservatives were entitled to lay claim to their slogan. There was justification for the claim.

The future was bright and everyone cashed in on it.

### Spending spree

HOWEVER, since then there has been a spending spree, probably unprecedented in the annals of Britain's history. The public was encouraged to spend by the relaxation of controls.

While spending is a pleasant occupation in anyone's language there must be a will to work; to do a job honestly and think of one's country.

The "I'm all right Jack" attitude has gone too far and to the detriment of the entire nation.

The unions have not played their part and many have made unreasonable wage demands.

### Trouble

THE Electrical Trades Union, which has been dominated by the Communist Party, has been instrumental in causing more trouble than the notorious Mafia.

At least the leaders of the rank and file which is more than can be said of some union leaders.

Nearly seven million Britons received wage increases during the first half of the year. Yet in the same time two million working days were lost.

The elementary question is how can a nation continue to exist under such circumstances.

Britain lives on its exports. It is pricing itself out of the world markets by use of the strike weapon, a weapon which is being used indiscriminately and without justification.

### Reluctant

THE Government is naturally reluctant to impose restrictions on the unions, but unless drastic action is taken to bring the unions into line and face the fact that Britain, as a trading nation, is on the way out, the economy will go from bad to worse.

What is more, with the possible entry of Britain into the European Common Market there is the prospect that the country will be swamped with goods produced by the other members at prices far more competitive than those manufactured in the home country.

# Report on survey by United Kingdom experts BRIDGE OR TUNNEL FOR HK?

## COST ESTIMATED AT ABOUT HK\$256M

Should Hongkong have a bridge or a tunnel connecting the Island with Kowloon?

"The bridge would offer the better solution were it not for the possibility of marine and aviation interests," said the report issued today by the Victoria City Development Company Ltd.

If it is to be built, the bridge would measure some 3,700 feet in length and would have five traffic lanes, each 12 feet in width. The report adds that it would rank among the major bridges of the world and would be the longest of its type.

The tunnel would be about a mile long between points and would contain three lanes — two of 12 feet in width and a centre one of 18 feet.

"We believe that there is room for acceptable compromise between the needs of these interests, and that the merits of the bridge should be carefully weighed against such objections before a tunnel is considered," the report added.

A bridge would cost \$256 million and pay for itself in 14 years.

The consulting engineers who investigated both projects estimate that a tunnel would cost \$283 million and take 16 years to pay for its construction.

Mr. K. B. Alport, a Director of the Victoria City Development Company, outlined the findings of both projects to the Kowloon Lions Club this afternoon.

### Periodic

"Today is one for which many of us have been eagerly awaiting, and is an important one in the history of Hongkong cross-harbour communications."

"We have all become accustomed to both the vehicular and passenger ferries, but many, particularly as the Colony has expanded and progressed, look forward to the time when it might be possible to travel from the Island to Kowloon or vice versa by car or public transport, at any time of the day or night, without having to wait for a ferry."

"It is nearly 60 years ago since Cmdr. Murray Rumsey, RN, then Harbour Master, proposed, in his Annual Report of 1902, the construction of a cross-harbour road link by means of a bridge."

Since that time there have been periodic suggestions for some form of improved cross harbour communication, but it was not until August, 1959, when Victoria City Development Co. Ltd. approved the most important initial step to be taken for the purpose of providing this road link by authorising Messrs. Freeman Fox & Partners and Messrs. Scott & Wilson, Kirkpatrick & Partners, as joint consulting engineers to proceed upon a detailed survey, having given them very wide terms of reference to enable them to investigate all aspects of the problem, and all types of crossing.

### Close study

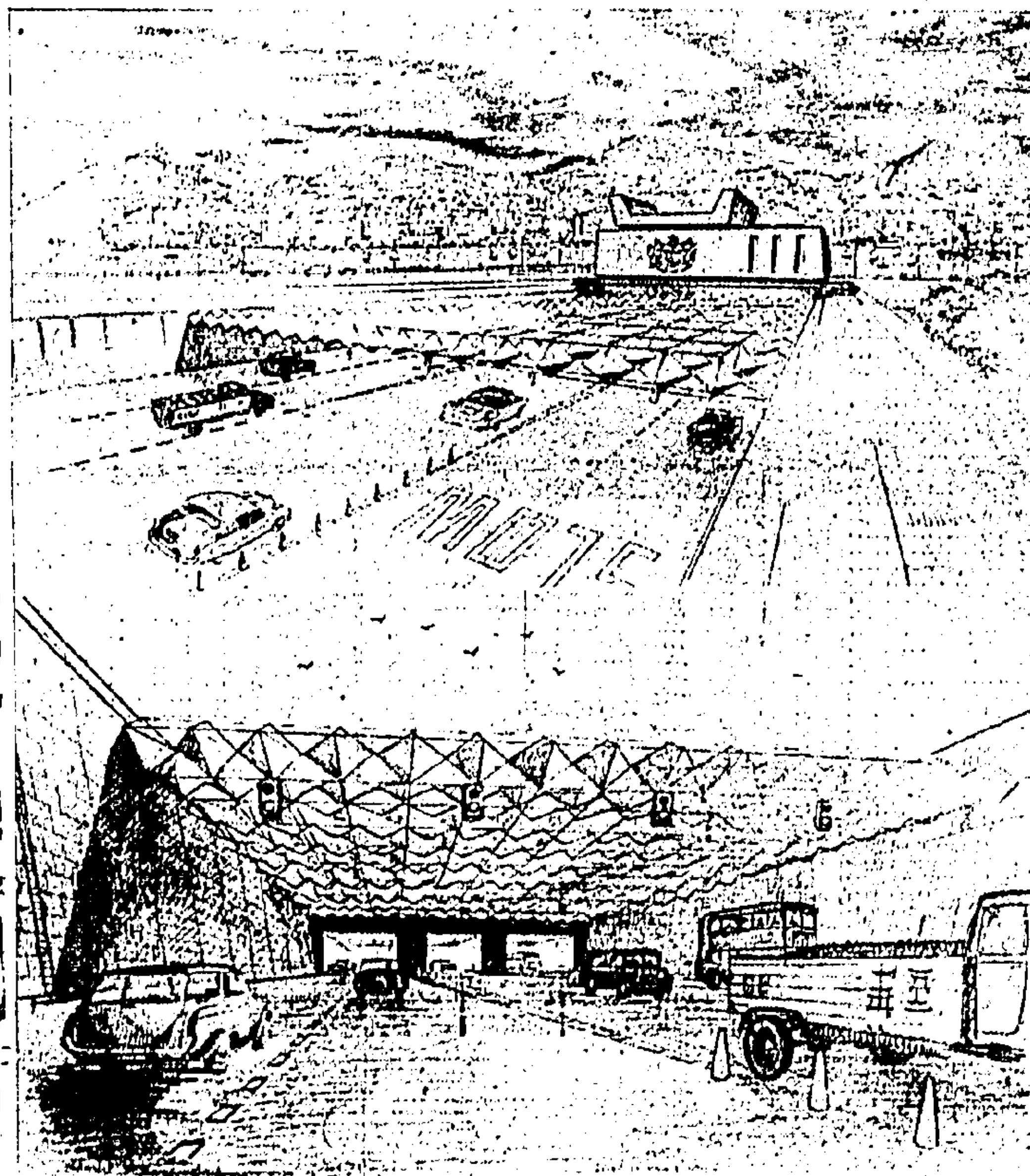
As a result, today, the only comprehensive and non-partisan report on a proposed road crossing of Hongkong harbour is being released to the public.

This survey, as anyone who reads it will appreciate, is most exhaustive and covers all aspects which might in any way affect the selection and construction of such a link, and it is the greatest credit to the authors of this all embracing report.

Certain sections of the investigation and report, carried out at a cost of HK\$1 million, was found by the Joint Consulting Engineers to deserve rather closer study than was originally envisaged, and in order to overcome this factor, it was decided to seek advice from other specialists in various fields connected with the problem.

"Much of the additional time taken in preparing the report was spent in co-ordinating all the facts and findings of these experts and others, and having an important bearing on the final recommendations, such as the Road Research Laboratory and the Hydraulics Research Station of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research in the United Kingdom, various departments of the Hongkong Government."

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Artist's impression of the bridge linking the Hung Hom Reclamation with Causeway Bay, as it would be seen from Stubbs-road, and (left) of the tunnel entrances in Kowloon (top) and Hongkong.

## HIS FEATS OF BURGLARY BEAT THOSE OF RAFFLES

Proston, July 27.  
A housebreaker whose depredations made those of the fictional Raffles "pale into insignificance"—according to the prosecution—was jailed for seven years here yesterday.

He was Peter Frost, 27, released from jail last January who admitted three house breaking charges and asked for 72 offences to be taken into account.

### VALUE

The total value of his thefts was put at £63,851, of which only goods worth £37 had been recovered, it was stated.

Among his titled victims, was Lady Pamela Mountbatten, daughter of Earl Mountbatten, who lost jewellery worth £17,000 including gifts from the Queen.—China Mail Special.

## TYPHOON HELEN

At midday Tropical Storm Helen had intensified into a typhoon and was centred about 270 miles SE of Okinawa, moving north at about six knots.

A ridge from the Pacific anti-cyclone extends westwards to Japan.

## Two-currency slot machines

Southampton, July 27.  
The liner Queen Mary sailed for New York today with 20 slot machines aboard that passengers can pay in two currencies.

A Cunard Line spokesman said the slot machines, some of which take American nickels and some British sixpences, were installed on a trial basis to see how popular they are with smoking room crowds.—UPI.

## BOAC DEFICIT

London, July 28.  
British Overseas Airways Corporation and its associated companies wound up a financial year with a combined deficit of £2,544,200, said their annual report today.—AP.

# Austerity measures are endorsed by Commons

London, July 27.  
The House of Commons tonight endorsed the Government's "credit squeeze" plans to deal with Britain's economic difficulties and rejected a Labour opposition censure motion by 346 votes to 238 — a Government majority of 108.

Later a Government motion asking the House to endorse its policies as a means of "upholding the strength of Sterling, improving the balance of payments and maintaining a sound basis for the continuing prosperity of the nation," was carried by 346 votes to 238 — a Government majority of 110.

### Complain

The debate ended in uproar with Labour members calling Mr. Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, and final speaker, a "cheat" for "misleading" the country with his phrase that "the country had never had it so good."

There were repeated chants of "resign, resign, resign!"

Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, the Opposition leader, complained that the Government had given £33,000,000 in surtax relief to the better-off. In his April budget.

Now it was putting a 10 per cent surcharge on most goods in the shops and stopping government help with loans for

buying houses.  
Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, had been a "bad economic forecaster."

Mr. Gaitskell disagreed that conditions had changed so much and contended that the surtax relief should be cancelled.

Neither the Prime Minister nor Government could make the change in climate, for neither had the outlook nor the record to suggest it was possible.

The Prime Minister's famous phrase that "the nation had never had it so good" was "factually correct, but a most dangerous basis for future conduct and action."

Aid opposition cheers, Mr. Gaitskell declared: "The golden dolphin on which he

rude to triumph through the election has become a dead albatross — and it is hanging round his neck."

Mr. Macmillan said salary and wage earners must pause before they would make another demand for more pay unless it could be shown to be the real fruit of increased productivity.

The economic situation must neither be minimised nor exaggerated. It was "marginal — but it is vital."

### Burdens

He added: "To resolve our difficulties is well within our power. It requires common sense, a practical assessment of our duty to ourselves. It requires imagination and honourable acceptance of obligations to less happy people overseas."

Mr. Macmillan said the cost of the surtax remission would be more than met by the increase in profits tax, already announced. These were being taxed to pay for much-needed incentive to the men whose work was the source — Heuter.

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The Secretary General of the Comité du Bon Gout Français, handing over the Coupe d'Or to C. Th. Dubber, General Sales Manager of ZEISS IKON AG, STUTTGART.

ZEISS IKON was awarded French Gold Cup.

Awards for distinguished accomplishments are not rare. Also at the numerous film festivals the products of the film industries are awarded prizes year in year out. Products of other industries, however, seldom get awards. No wonder, that they are rated very high for those products.

On 7 July, 1961 ZEISS IKON AG, of Stuttgart was awarded the Gold Cup by the "Comité du Bon Gout Français" by which this organization rewards outstanding merits as to construction and form giving. The Comité, represented by leading personalities of French public life, already awarded the Gold Cup to a number of important firms, for example: Coudré Martel, Regie Renault, and Bayer-Leverkusen. Now ZEISS IKON has received the prize as the first camera manufacturer in the world. This prize was not awarded for a single product but for the complete line of the manufacturer who counts among the world's leading camera firms and has won high reputation through precision and form giving.

In attendance of Monsieur Robert Faure, French Consul General, many guests of honour, and the Board of the ZEISS IKON AG, Stuttgart, Monsieur André Pilmis, Secretary General, handed over the Coupe d'Or. In a formal speech Monsieur Pilmis expressed his opinion that this award honours on the one hand the excellent merits and the wonderful rebuilding of the ZEISS IKON AG, factories and that on the other hand it has a great significance in the light of the European Market, future co-operation between France and Germany as well as the reputation of the entire German camera industry.



## WEEKLY REPORT ON THE HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

## MARKET EASES FURTHER

*Trading done under cautious, quiet conditions*

The Hongkong Stock Market eased again in all sections this week.

Trading was done under cautious and quiet conditions in the early part of the week preceding the announcement of British austerity measures.

But following the announcement on Tuesday, there was no change of tone in the market which continued in an irregular downward movement.

The rise in the British bank rate from five to seven per cent held the main interest for the local stock market.

Tenders are now waiting to see whether the Hongkong bank rate will be increased and if so to what extent.

The leading share, Hongkong Bank, declined to \$382 ex dividend yesterday.

The volume of business for the week under review (Friday to yesterday) declined to \$18,360,000 compared with \$26,470,000 for the previous week.

## Market diary

Friday: All movements today were mixed and irregular, no trend being established at any time. Wheelocks and their "Rights" continued the improvement and ended with a moderate rise. All utilities were well patronised, but in common with the rest of the market remained within a fraction of the steady price level. Turnover was approximately \$4,520,000 which according to recent standards made it a comparatively quiet day.

Dividend & Bonus announcements during the week: Textile Corporation of H.K. Ltd. 50c per share; Macao Electric Lighting Co. Ltd. \$1.20 per share.

Monday: Banks (Lam. Reg.) went Ex. Div. today, business done at \$390 was the same as Friday. Local Reg. which will Ex. Div. on July 27 was done today at \$404 and \$406 as compared with \$406 and \$404 on Friday. The market was still with few bright spots but price changes were fractional and irregular. Utilities were again prominent in a quiet atmosphere at steady prices. Wheelocks remained comparatively strong. The uninteresting day closed quiet with a turnover of approximately \$3,220,000.

Tuesday: The opening of the session promised another dull day with banks being done at \$396 and most counters following at easier prices. The market hardened after lunch, Banks rising to \$400 and a host of buyers appeared, outnumbering the sellers throughout the market. Business remained small however due to the fact that sellers were holding for an expected rise. Turnover was approximately \$2,720,000.

Wednesday: The London news seemed to affect the market at the opening but sellers were very thin obviously wanting to see what the change in the London Bank Rate meant to this market. Buyers again outnumbered sellers. Turnover was approximately \$3,000,000.

Thursday: The market opened at a slow tempo and prices eased again during the morning session. Banks went ex. dividend and dropped to \$382 while

## ★ The share market at a glance ★

	June 29	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27	Up or Down	Dividend & Bonus	Yield (%)
HK Bank	422	414	414	414	382	-50c	\$2.25	2.0
Lombard	401 1/2	401 1/2	401 1/2	401 1/2	382	-50c	\$2.25	2.0
Wheelock	401 1/2	401 1/2	401 1/2	401 1/2	382	-50c	\$2.25	2.0
HK Wharf	110	110	111	111	111	-	\$3	3.2
HIS Docks	75	75	75	75	75	-	\$3.20	4.5
Talkoo Docks	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	-	\$3	3.0
Provident	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	-	\$2.40	3.2
HK Hotels	75	75	75	75	75	-	\$3	3.0
HK Lands	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	-	\$13.75	5.2
HK Realty	43	43 1/2	44	44	44 1/2	+ 1/2	\$10.50	4.3
HK Trams	23 1/2	24	24	24	24	-	\$9.50	7.3
Star Ferry	180	180	180	180	180	-	\$11	2.8
Yau Ma Tei	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	-	\$1.70	4.1
Ch Light	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	-	\$1.75	3.3
Electric	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	-	\$2.50	4.7
HK Telephone	67	67	67	67	67	-	\$1.25	3.7
G. I. Cement	41 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	-	\$80	10.2
Baily Farm	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	-	\$1.80	9.3
A. S. Watson	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	-	\$2.80	3.5
Lane, Crawford	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	-	\$80	2.9
Investment	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	-		
Allied	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	-		
HK & FE Inv	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	-		
Textile Corp	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	-		
Nanyang	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	-		
Kowloon Motor Bus	30	30	30	30	30	-		

★ When shares were five times their present value. ★

★ Expected dividend for year ended February 28, 1961. ★

## ANOTHER STRONG ADVANCE IN WALL STREET

New York, July 27.

The Stock Market made another strong advance today in very active trading. It was the market's seventh consecutive rise.

The market was active and moderately higher at the opening. It moved ahead sharply around noon and continued to improve going into the final half hour. Prices were around their best for the day at the close with the high speed ticker tape late at the closing gong. Most gains ranged from a few cents to around three dollars a share. Standard and Poor's 500 stock index rose 77 cents to \$500.11, again its best rise since April 25 when it advanced 80 cents. Based on this indicator, the quoted value of all stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange gained about \$4,000 million. The S and P 425 Industrials advanced 87 cents to \$70.43.

It was a fairly broad market in which 1,276 issues crossed the tape. Of these, 734 advanced, 339 declined and 204 closed unchanged. New highs for the year totalled 44 against 14 new lows.

Steels, cars, aircrafts, copper, utilities, rail, chemicals, electrical equipments in the broad rally.

The Associated Press 60-stock average rose 2.70 to 248.10. The Dow Jones 30 industrial re-crossed the 700 mark going up to 702.80.

Volume rose to 4,170,000 shares from 4,070,000 shares traded on Wednesday. AP.

## Closing prices

Amalgamated	41 1/2
Alcoa	70 1/2
Aluminum	42 1/2
Allegheny	42 1/2
Am. Can.	42 1/2
Am. Cable & Tel.	42 1/2
Am. Gas	42 1/2
Am. Ice	42 1/2
Am. Int'l. Paper	42 1/2
Am. Lumber	42 1/2
Am. Mach. & Tool	42 1/2
Am. Oil	42 1/2
Am. Paper	42 1/2
Am. Rubber	42 1/2
Am. Steel	42 1/2
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Am. T. & E.	42 1/2
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Am. Zinc	42 1/2
Am. Copper	42 1/2

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Socialist leader Hugh Gaiskell literally got the sack—when he competed in the sack race at a New Forest Socialist Party camp and rally near Lymington, Hants. Left: Mr Gaiskell makes a promising start. Right: the fall of the Socialist leader. However, Mr Gaiskell made a triumphant come-back, winning the egg-and-spoon race. — London Express Service.

## UN SECRETARY-GENERAL LEAVES TUNIS

### Dag shocked at Amman's refusal to see him

Tunis, July 27.

Bitterness and a feeling of isolation swept Tunisian government circles today after the departure of United Nations Secretary-General Mr Dag Hammarskjöld.

## SARAH CHURCHILL FINED FOR BEING DRUNK

London, July 27. Sarah Churchill, 46-year-old daughter of Sir Winston Churchill, Britain's elder statesman, was fined £2 today on a charge of having been drunk and disorderly.

The copper-haired actress, described as unemployed, appeared on remand after having pleaded guilty on July 15.

She was then remanded in Holloway Prison for a medical report.

The magistrate, Mr R. H. Blundell, was told that Miss Churchill last appeared at Bow-street on November 10 last year, but since then had appeared in court in Brighton on June 5 this year.

He said: "I see, according to the medical report, that there is a doctor who is prepared to accept the defendant as an informal patient provided she will take his advice. I



SARAH CHURCHILL

am inclined to discharge her. Blundell also discharged a previous probation order against Miss Churchill. — China Mail Special.

## Australian financier dies at 77

Melbourne, July 27. Mr M. H. L. "Jac" Baillieu, head of one of the most powerful and best-known families in Australian industry and finance, died here last night, aged 77.

He was the last surviving son of the founder of the Australian Baillieu family, James G. Baillieu, who jumped ship and swam ashore near Melbourne in 1853.

Mr Baillieu was a senior partner in the big Melbourne sharebroking firm of E. L. and C. Baillieu and on the directorship of a number of leading companies, had been Chairman of Broken Hill Associated Smelters Pty. Ltd.

Mr Baillieu is survived by his son and daughter. His wife died four years ago. — China Mail Special.

## U.S. CAB making new studies

Washington, July 27. The U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board today reopened its trans-Pacific route proceedings to make new studies of service patterns and capacity proposed by airlines in that area.

The board said it "would not in the circumstances" recommend reconsideration of the decision made by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower on Jan. 18 which rejected CAB proposals to give U.S. operators new routes across the Pacific.

The CAB said the President is the final arbiter in international matters, with the Board merely acting as an adviser.

The original CAB recommendations would have permitted Northwest to extend its present route to Tokyo on to Hongkong for a link there with Trans World Airlines. — AP.

Most Tunisian officials felt that Mr Hammarskjöld's three-day visit to Tunisia has done little to bring a solution to the explosive Bizerta crisis.

"I believe that now I have a complete picture of the situation," Mr Hammarskjöld said before leaving Tunis.

But he, too, showed he was disappointed with the failure of French troops to withdraw to the Bizerta base after a UN-ordered ceasefire on Sunday.

Above all, Mr Hammarskjöld was shocked by the refusal of French Vice-Admiral Maurice Amman, the Bizerta base commander, to see him. Admiral Amman claimed he acted on orders from Paris.

Before his departure, Mr Hammarskjöld conferred for two hours with President Habib Bourguiba and Mr Bail' Ladham, who is the country's Defence Minister. No announcement on the talks has been made.

## Rage

Meanwhile, the Tunisian capital boiled with rage over French President Charles de Gaulle's cable of congratulations to the French Bizerta garrison.

De Gaulle praised the "courage and military quality" of French troops at Bizerta "in the face of aggression."

A number of Tunisian officials appeared more shocked by de Gaulle's congratulations than by the French attack on the city.

The war preparedness which followed the Bizerta fighting diminished gradually. Intense diplomatic activity replaced the fever of earlier appeals to fight.

The Tunisian government was desperately seeking allies in its cause against France.

Messages of support arrived from scores of Afro-Asian nations but Tunisians bitterly admitted that they had little practical value.

What Bourguiba had expected was "massive economic and military aid rather than cables of support."

The Tunisian President, generally considered one of the most moderate elements in Africa, was still hoping to find a solution in the West.

But it appeared less and less likely that Tunisia would reforge her strong previous ties with the Western bloc. Any strong move for rapprochement with the West would again isolate Bourguiba from the Arab world which for the first time in years rallied to his side. — AP.

## Long standing dispute

# S. VIETNAM CLAIMS PARACEL ISLANDS

Taipei, July 27.

The long-standing dispute between Nationalist China and South Vietnam on sovereignty over the Paracel Islands in the South China Sea, over which France and Peking also claim possession, has erupted anew.

## Australia plans to sell more wheat to China

Sydney, July 27.

Mr J. P. Cass, a member of the Australian Wheat Board, said here today a further shipment of 280,000 tons of wheat to China from Australia's new season's crop is being discussed.

## 2 Manchester textile groups reveal merger

Manchester, July 28.

Two Manchester textile groups announced today they had reached agreement on the terms of a five million Sterling merger.

They are Vantona Textiles—spinners, dyers, bleachers and makers of quilts, cotton blankets and sheets—and Haworth and Company (Holdings) who market wide range of cotton and man-made fibres and fabrics.

The merger would be achieved by shares in the Richard Haworth Group—with assets of more than two million sterling—being exchanged for shares in Vantona, whose assets exceed £2,400,000. — Reuters.

Speaking at the annual conference here of the Wheat and Wool Growers' Association of New South Wales, Mr Cass added: "Everything points to the fact that we will be able to go on shipping wheat to China."

He said the price of A136 7d (about 10s 9d sterling) a bushel at which the Board sold wheat to China was the same or slightly higher than it was receiving from British buyers.

Nearly 2,000,000 tons of wheat, more than A200 million (48 million sterling) had been sold to China this year, he said. — Reuters.

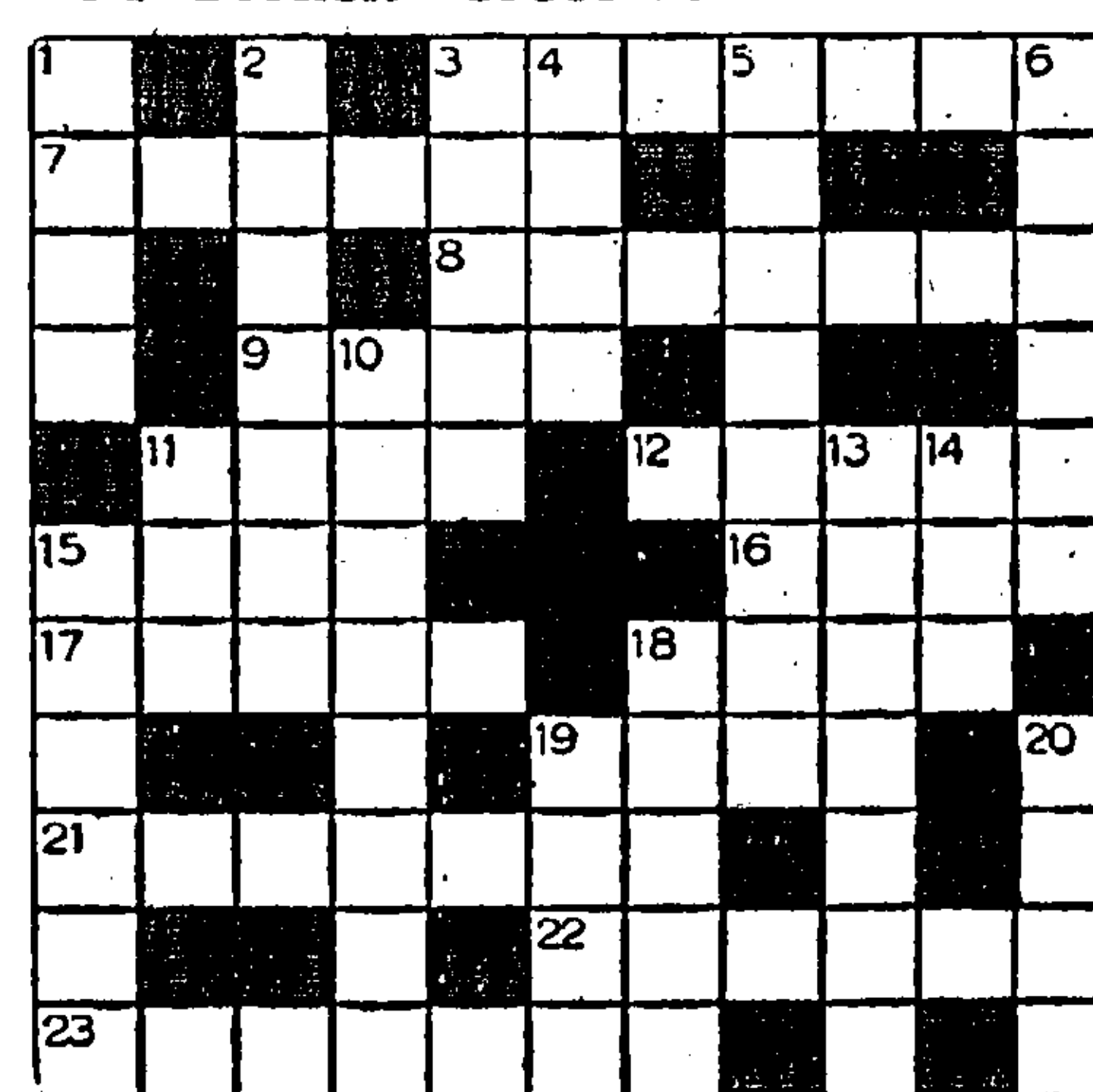
## 'FIRE BRIGADE' UNIT

Cologne, July 27.

Formation of a Nato "Fire Brigade" unit will be completed soon, General Hans Spidel, German Commander-in-Chief of Nato Land Forces in Central Europe, said in the magazine Visier here today.

The unit could be used in a period of tension for local troop concentrations in some areas to prove the unity of the West, he said in the West German Armed Forces magazine. — Reuters.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



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|-------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>     | <b>DOWN</b>               |
| 3 Short of space. | 1 Snakes.                 |
| 7 Fruit ice.      | 2 Gunmen.                 |
| 8 Cat.            | 3 Bird.                   |
| 9 Not good.       | 4 Raise the back!         |
| 11 Sea-bowl.      | 5 Was important.          |
| 12 Poetry.        | 6 Rushed the dressmaking? |
| 15 Tough.         | 10 Commanding.            |
| 16 Way.           | 11 Colour of wallp?       |
| 17 Attack.        | 13 Cooked.                |
| 18 Bright smile?  | 14 Uncle!                 |
| 19 Carriers.      | 15 Guest-house.           |
| 21 Taught.        | 16 Foretells.             |
| 22 Modern.        | 19 Foreigner's address!   |
| 23 No, not tugs.  | 20 Performs.              |

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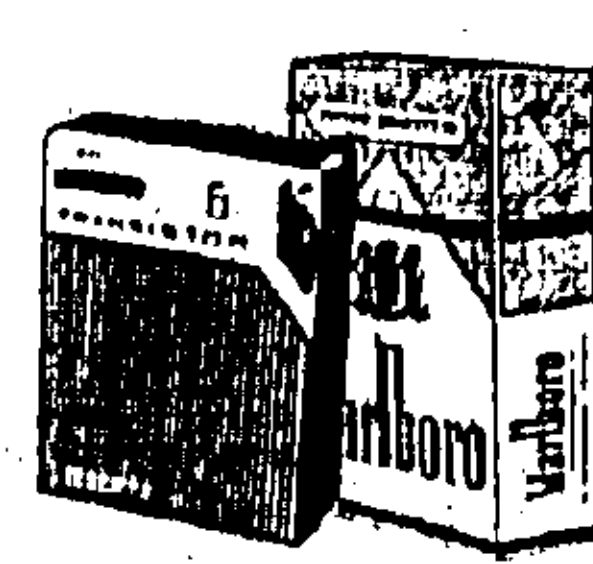
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## RAF men take off —on camels

London, July 27. Three Royal Air Force officers set off yesterday to look for seas in the Libyan desert—as part of a 12-day test of survival and initiative.

The Air Ministry in London said the men were making a 350-mile trip into the desert on camels.

If they find any seas—in addition to their survival and initiative test—they will send them to a natural history museum in Hertfordshire.

The men, all in their twenties and all volunteers, are stationed at El Adem in Libya. — China Mail Special.

## Argentine arrests Reds

Buenos Aires, July 27.

A country-wide operation against Communist propaganda agents has netted 97 people in three days, police said today.

Inspector Paul Poyon, head of a Federal Police Special Section, told a press conference that another 82 people were questioned and subsequently released. — Reuters.

## GAMBIA OFFERED HOME RULE

London, July 27.

Four-day constitutional talks ended tonight with a British offer of home rule for Gambia by mid-1962.

Gambia is Britain's last colony and protectorate in West Africa.

No communique was issued after the final conference session, but I. M. Garba-Jahumpa, Secretary General of Gambia's Democratic Congress Alliance, told newsmen:

"We will have achieved complete internal self-government after the General Elections in May, 1962."

"Independence will be determined by Gambians themselves during the next stage."

Other delegates confirmed the British offer, with S.S. Sisay of the People's Progressive Party expressing disappointment at the outcome. "We had hoped to get internal self-government by November," he said.

Gambia has been ruled by Britain for 140 years. Its 300,000 people rely mainly for their livelihood on growing and selling ground nuts. — AP.

## WIDE RANGE OF POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS ON BERLIN

Washington, July 27.

Mr Dean Rusk, U.S. Secretary of State, told a press conference today that at this stage the range of possibilities of negotiation over Berlin was "rather considerable."

In answer to a question, he said that President Kennedy in his Tuesday night speech had indicated that the United States would not necessarily wait for the Soviet Union to take the initiative in this matter.

Mr Rusk said this was one of the questions to be discussed by the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain, France and West Germany when they meet in Paris early next month.

## NO PLANS

The Secretary of State said there were no definite plans for a Western summit meeting.

He added it was always possible one might be held but that was a question for the future.

Mr Rusk said that the United States was very much encour-

aged by the response it had had from the Nato allies so far.

He added that the United States believed Nato could and would act with unity and with increased strength in the Berlin situation.

## REVIEW

He added that although there were some financial stringencies in certain countries, including Britain, he would suppose those problems would not be a barrier to necessary action to be taken by the Nato alliance.

Asked for his reaction to the British Government's decision, announced by Mr Selwyn Lloyd this week, to seek a larger share of troop support costs in

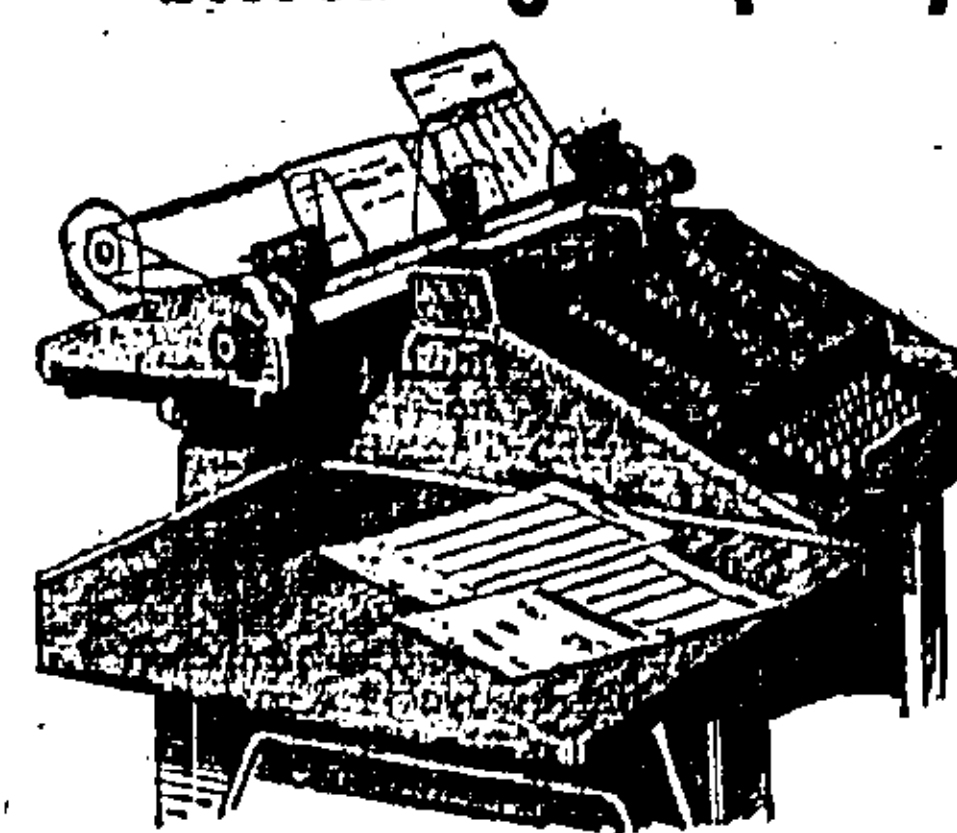
Nato, Mr Rusk said this was a matter which was anticipated.

It was a contingency that was known might arise. There were procedures to deal with it and those procedures would begin to function.

Mr Rusk said this question was raised under Nato procedures whereby any government which felt its arrangements imposed special difficulties might raise the point. It would then be reviewed by a committee of experts and a report made to the Nato council.

Such a review was part of the general programme of financial steps that was being taken by the British Government in connection with its present situation, Mr Rusk added. — Reuters.

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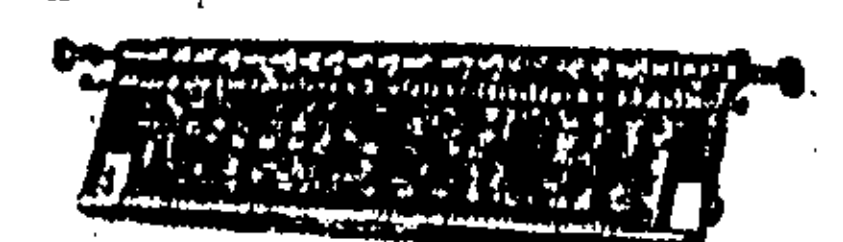


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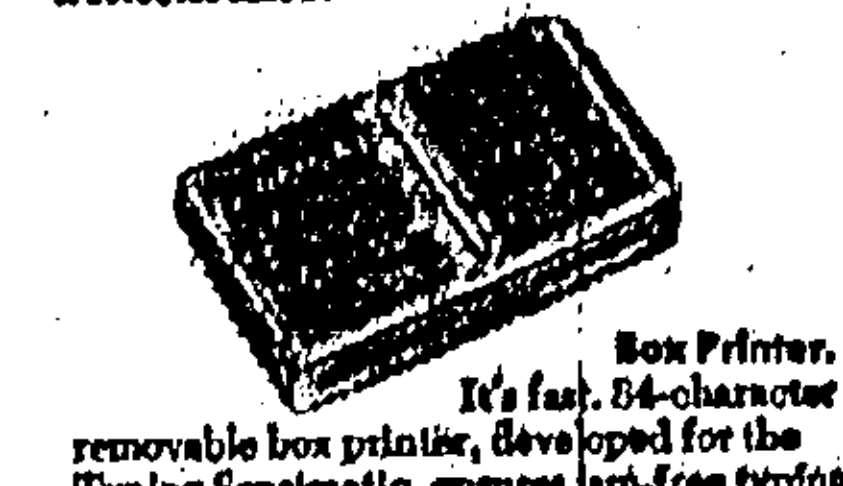
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## Britain's sharp rise in crime

London, July 27.

Crimes of violence and crimes by juveniles rose sharply in Britain last year, according to statistics issued here by the Home Office.

The number of known indictable offences increased in the year to reach a total of 743,713 with crimes of violence showing the biggest percentage rise of 12 per cent.

The statistics showed that the total rate of increase in 1959 was 7.0 per cent—little more than half that of 1958—but in 1960 the increase over 1959 was 10.1.

The increase in crime among juveniles and young men and women was greater than in 1959.

The biggest increase occurred in the age group 17 to 21 for both men and women.

One of the only decreases over the previous year was a three per cent drop in sex offences.

The total of persons found guilty of non-indictable offences was 871,730, lower than 1959 by 10,802 or 1.0 per cent.

With 103,403 guilty of indictable offences, the total for offences of all kinds in 1960 was 1,035,213.

The rise in indictable offences over 1959 was 10,292—0.7 per cent. — Reuters.







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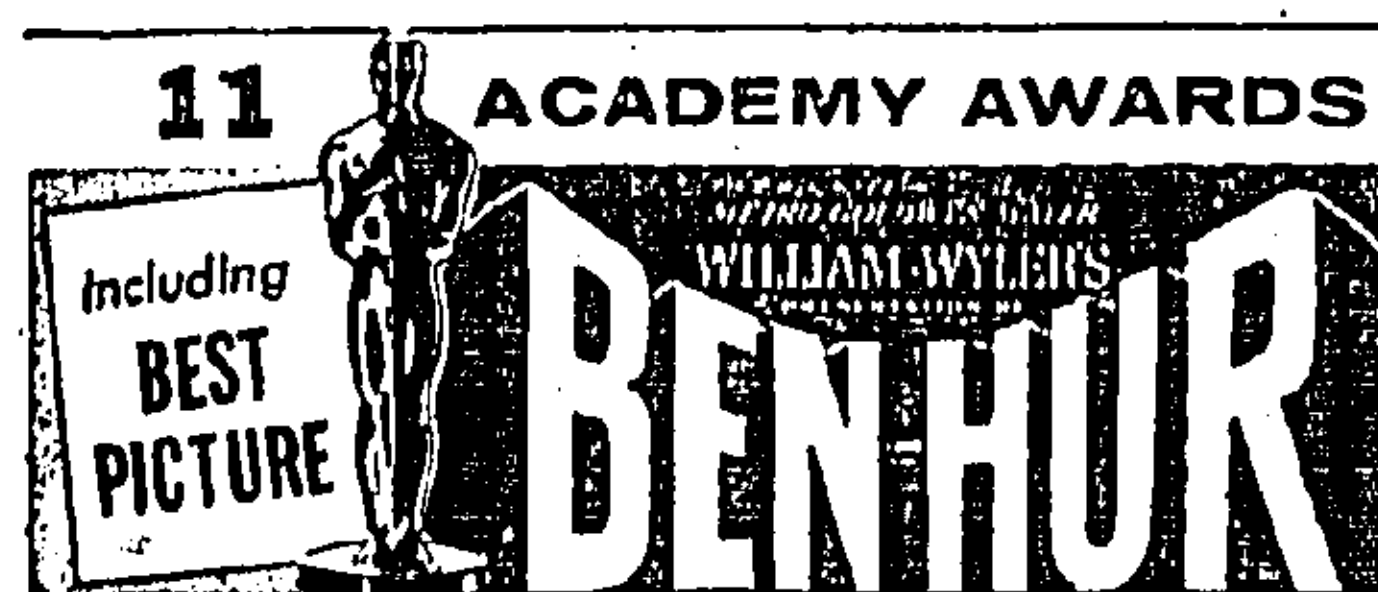
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**Young Hongkong journalist writes his first novel****"EARLY TO RISE," by Norbert Luciano. Publishers: Dragonfly Books, Hongkong. Price, HK\$2.50.**

TO a great many people, 13 is an unlucky number. To writer Norbert Luciano, however, it seems quite the opposite. For he has divided his first novel, "Early to Rise," into 13 chapters, and the book's dozen arrangement has worked out very well for him.

But if the 27-year-old Hongkong author is unconcerned about traditional symbols of pure luck, he is nonetheless most interested in good fortune—and so will the reader be. For "Good Fortune" is the name of one of the principal characters in this tongue-in-cheek tale of a highly unusual Chinese community.

Others who figure in the story bear such names as Thank Heaven, Full Moon, and Little Shrimp.

**The hero**

The hero, however, is not among these. His name is Ming and he is, of all things, a Communist cadre. He has doubts about Peking's policies and about Communism and he is in love with a young girl, Precious Jade, who also has doubts.

It should not be construed from this that "Early to Rise" is a novel with a weighty pro or anti-Communist "message". It is, quite simply, a story of a group of people in a village in China today. Because China is Communist, the village is Communist. More precisely, it is a commune in Kwangtung Province.

Mr. Luciano has used the village commune much as the American writer Damon Runyon used New York's Broadway as a backdrop for the activities of a collection of what youngsters today would call "off-beat types". Indeed, Mr. Luciano writes with a sort of "Runyonesque" flair, employing short, pithy sentences with a great deal of good humor. Yet he can also handle elements of pathos without losing stride and without changing his basic style, and this, for some one writing his first novel, is not always an easy thing to do.

The book, a paperback, is aided by coloured drawings

**Norbert Luciano**

which top the beginning of each chapter.

Mr. Luciano has been in Hongkong for three years, working as a journalist and as lecturer in English at Hongkong Baptist College. He came here from the Philippines, where he studied literature at St. Louis College in Baguio, and at the University of the Philippines in Quezon City. He is a native of Shanghai.

He is already working on a second novel.—A.H.

**NAMES**

The Secretary of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., Mr. J. C. Oliver, announced today that the three establishments of the Company will henceforth be known as Peninsula Hotel, Marco Polo Peninsula Court and Hongkong Hotel-Repulse Bay.

The step was taken, he said, in order to protect the names of the establishments.

**DAMAGES ACTION**

(Contd. from Back Page)

"2.—That the defendant acted without reasonable and probable cause; and

"3.—That the defendant acted maliciously.

"Failure to prove any one of these three things means that the plaintiff's action must fail."

Mr. Justice Blair-Kerr said he could see no evidence of malice in this case. "There is no evidence of spite, ill-will or any indirect or wrongful motive on the defendant's part."

**SUSPICIONS**

"It might be noted in passing that the plaintiff himself seems to have done little to reduce the suspicions which must obviously have been aroused when on September 27, he was unable to produce the necessary cash to balance the account which was being audited."

"Indeed, at no time before or after September 24—the day on which he took this money from the fund without authority—did he contact the defendant or any other officer of the company and explain what he had done."

Furthermore, if it had been that this cheque should not be paid until September 30, he should have said so. A cheque dated September 28 is an order to the bank to pay the sum due under it on or after that day. The plaintiff has done or said nothing in this court towards negating reasonable and probable cause, and the evidence before me indicates positively the following facts which must have been known to the defendant before he took action:—

"1.—The plaintiff had the custody and control of a cash fund containing money due to his employers for which he was accountable;

"2.—Six days before he was due to leave the service of his employers, without authority he took \$8,000 from this fund for his own purposes."

**SAFE KEY**

"3.—He told no one about this till Sept. 27 when the fund under his control was under investigation by auditors called in by his employers; and he then told the circumstances surrounding the withdrawal of this cash to the auditor only."

"4.—He was unable to produce the key of the safe when first asked by the auditors to do so on Sept. 27; and

"5.—Having produced the key next day, in order to make good the cash deficiency, he drew his own cheque for this amount in favour of Empire Manufacturers Limited, which cheque was presented for payment and it was dishonoured."

"If the defendant had placed these facts before the police even without taking the advice of his solicitors, I do not think that any court could have inferred that he acted without reasonable and probable cause. There was a case for police investigation."

"The defendant had no duty to call upon the plaintiff for an explanation or to make further inquiries—himself. Other managing directors might have called upon the defendant first for an explanation. That is one thing. It is quite another thing to say that, because the defendant did not do so, therefore he must be taken to have acted without reasonable or probable cause, or that he acted maliciously in placing the matter in the hands of the police."

**PROSECUTION**

The plaintiff had also failed to prove that the defendant instituted the prosecution before the magistrate; Mr. Justice Blair-Kerr said.

It is clear from the evidence that it was the police who instituted this prosecution as a result of their own enquiries and having previously taken legal advice.

"If a person, in reporting any matter to the police, does not believe to be correct information, and the police, without further interference on his part, themselves think fit to institute a prosecution, there is no question of the informant being liable in damages should the prosecution fail."

"The plaintiff in this case appears in person and he has been at great pains to try to show this court that he was innocent. He has no need to do so. He has been acquitted by a court of competent jurisdiction in Hongkong and he ought to be treated by all with whom he may come in contact as not guilty of the offence with which he was charged.

"However, persons acquitted of criminal charges would do well to think carefully before embarking on actions for malicious prosecution."

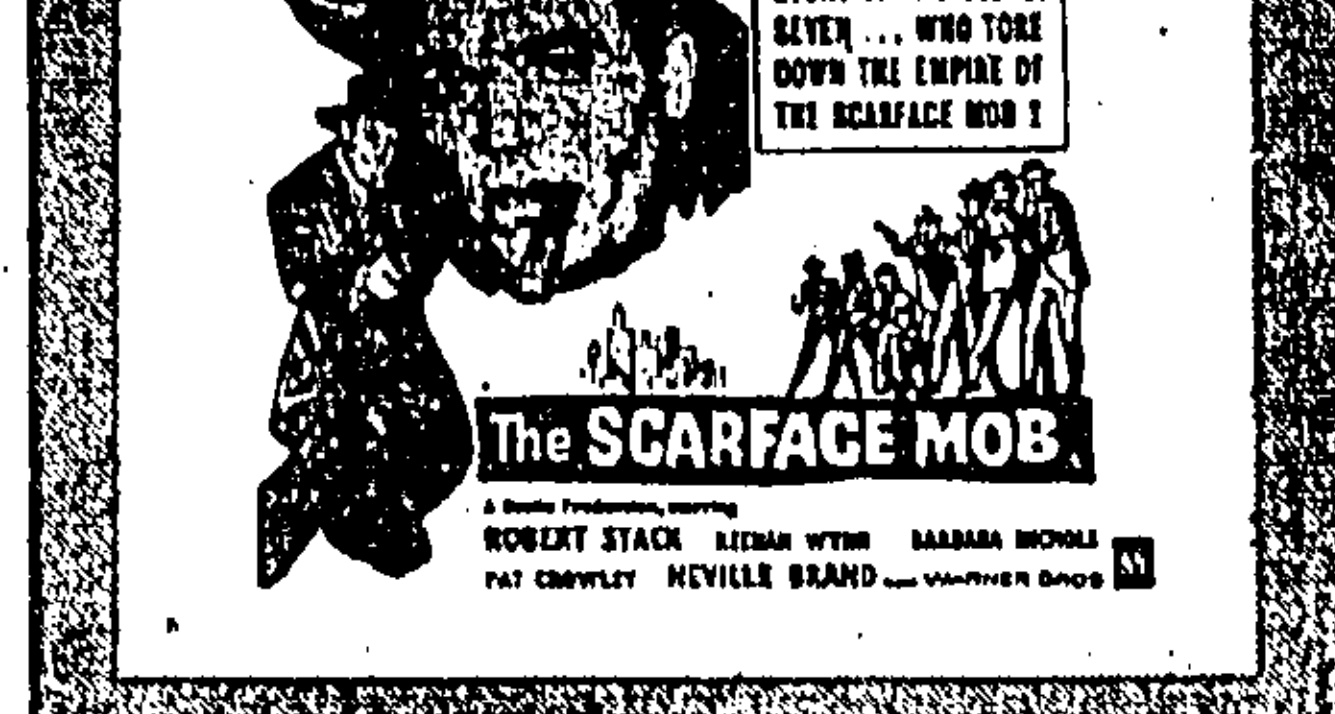
"It is one thing for the prosecutor in a criminal case to fail to prove a charge beyond reasonable doubt or at all. It is quite another matter for the person who has been acquitted by a criminal court to establish in this court that the prosecutor (either the original informer or the police) has acted maliciously and without reasonable or probable cause.

"For the above reasons there will be judgment for the defendant with costs."

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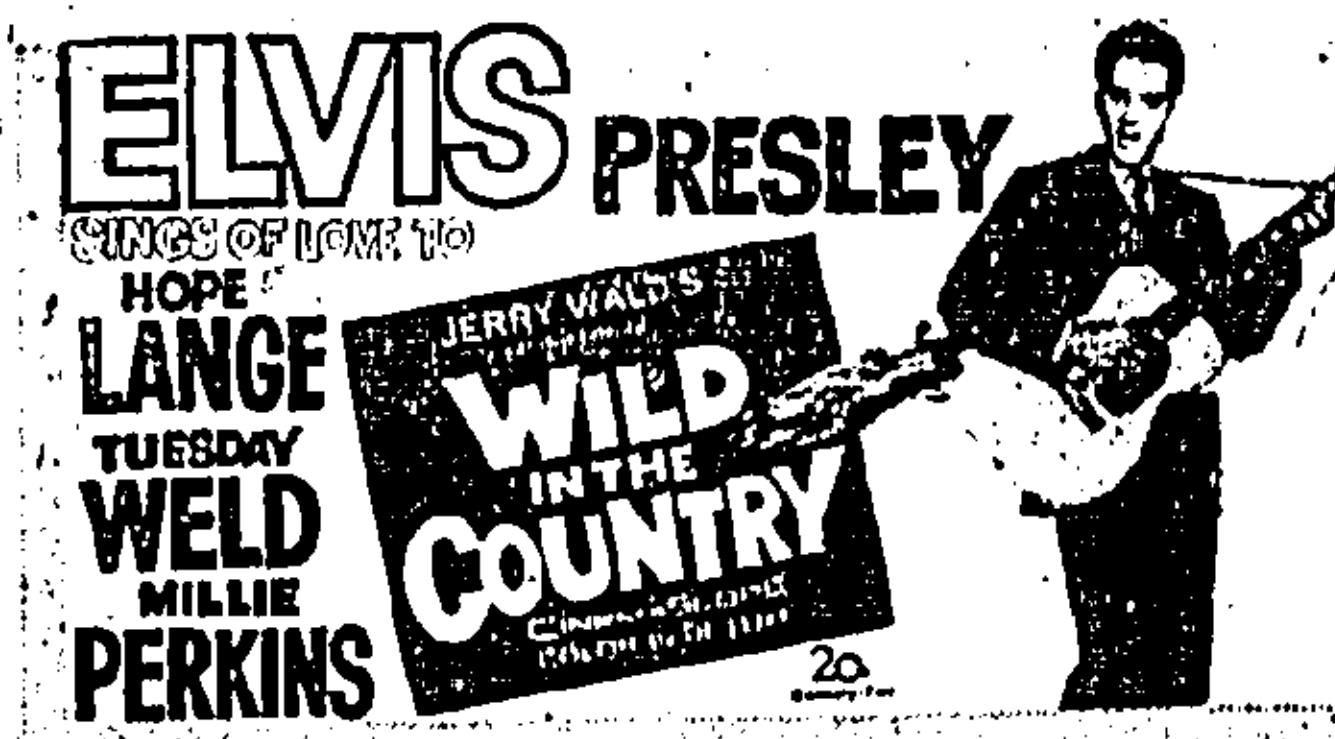
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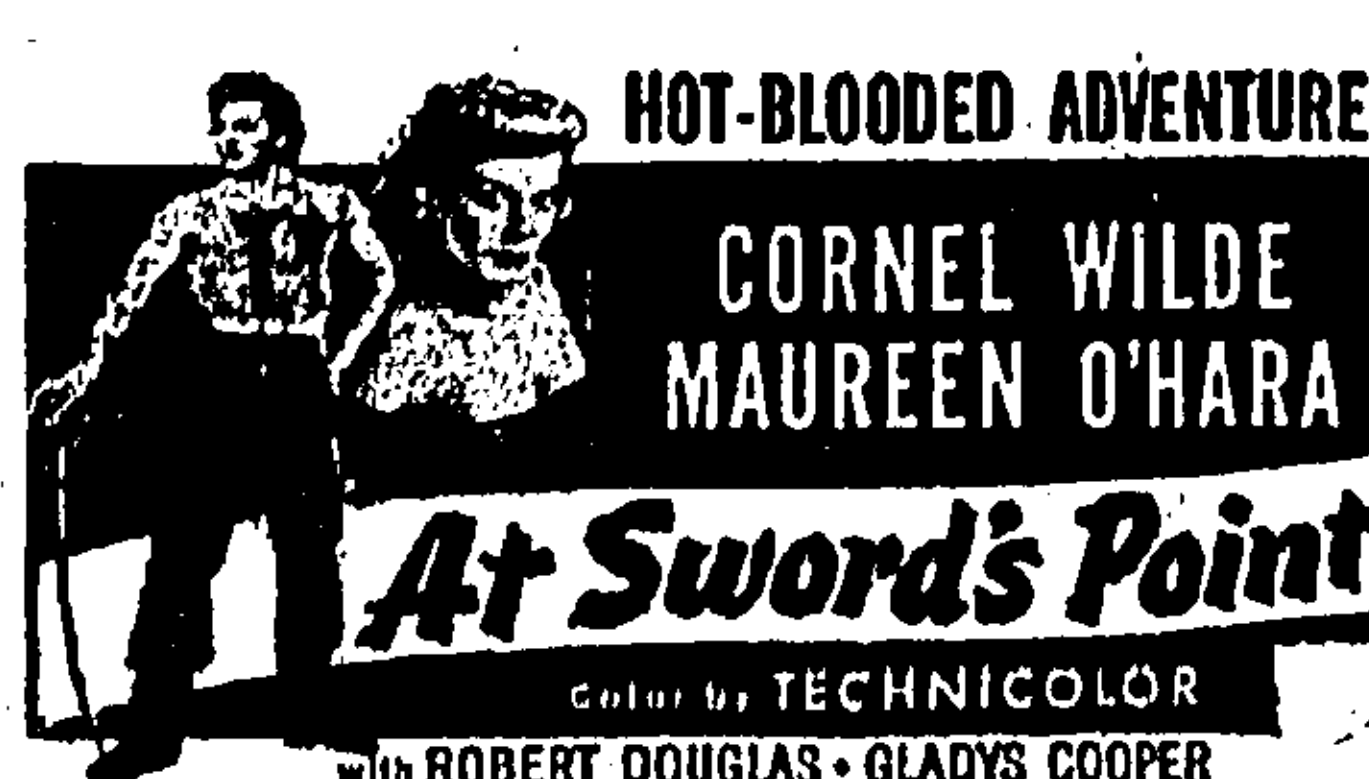
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BEHIND THE COMMON MARKET LIES A GREATER THREAT—

# Does Macmillan know what he is doing?



IF there were any optimists who still dreamed that it would be possible for Britain to belong to both Commonwealth and Common Market, those dreams must have been finally doused by the recent chilling communiqué from Ottawa.

by  
**ROBERT PITMAN**

Every line of the text is laced with resentment and suspicion. It could hardly have been less cheery if it had been issued after the collapse of talks between opposite sides in the Cold War.

## The question

No need now to ask whether it would damage the Empire for Britain to join Europe. The question is whether we can repair the damage already inflicted by the tour of Mr Macmillan's three Ministers.

How incredible that a Tory Government should be responsible.

At Tory conferences the Empire has been described—in the kind of crisp phrase which falls freshly and naturally from Tory lips—as a great and noble ship ploughing on into the future.

Yet what has Captain Macmillan done as soon as the course ahead became uncertain?

He has not bothered to consult either passengers or crew. All he has done has been to send round his three stewards saying: "Put on your lifebelts and get ready to jump."

Even if it were a false alarm, could anyone in the Dominions be expected to have much confidence after a message like that? Even if the Captain is now forced to give up his intention to enter the Common Market, the mere intention will have had a cruelly wounding effect.

## Useless

Equally, if we do enter, it will be useless to whisk out a carefully selected array of trade figures and to argue as the glib folk are doing that—after a trifling decade or so of temporary calamity—the Empire countries could even get some material advantage from the Common Market in the long run.

It is not just material advantage that has kept Canada, Australia, and New Zealand with us until now. It was not the thought of material advantage that made them keep sending the best of their youth across the world to man our defences in 1940 when every other nation had written us off.

It was not the hope of material advantage. It was something called loyalty—something which has been shattered not only by Mr Macmillan's approach to Europe but, above all, by the manner of his approach.

## Alarmed?

But, after all, supposing that we ever experienced another 1940, or supposing that Mr Macmillan were rejected by Europe and decided to appeal to the Dominions to lighten the Empire's trade system—in that case no one could surely

blame them if they answered: "Yes, but how can we be certain that—after two or three years—Messrs. Sandys, Hare, and Thompson won't come trotting round again shouting 'Abandon ship!'?"

Why then should such an action as Mr Macmillan's have committed the blunder of sending this trio round in the first place?

Is it—as some suggest—that he is really alarmed by our long-term economic prospects? Does he feel that the foundations of our economy are so unsound that we have got to join Europe?

I hope that he feels no such thing. I have before me a copy of the Tory manifesto for the 1961 General Election, less than two years ago. Over Mr Macmillan's facsimile signature and beside a picture showing Mr Macmillan's hooded eyes glaring out wearily and sternly at the electors appear these words:

"I do not remember any period in our lifetime when the economy has been so sound and the prosperity of our people so widely spread."

If Mr Macmillan's words are to be relied on—and indeed they have got to be relied on—what can have happened since that time of unprecedented economic soundness just 21 months ago?

Has there been some sudden and fantastic economic shock which has secretly pulverised our rocklike foundations in a matter of months? If so, then you might think that joining the Common Market would be the best thing Mr Macmillan could now do.

No one opens the door when the wind is coming down the street.

If (as some wiseacres warn) European competition is pricing our factories' goods out of the world market, you would surely think it sheer lunacy to choose that very moment to open our home market to European competition too.

## The reason

But, of course, there has been no sudden economic shock. Mr Macmillan was telling the truth in 1959 when he wrote that our economy was sound—and, basically, it is still as sound today.

So what has happened since October 1959 to make all the difference?

One simple thing. The election of President Kennedy.

It has been alleged against Mr Macmillan that his policies are based on shifting principles, that they switch and alter according to opportunity or whim. But the allegation does not fit the facts.

If you examine the facts you will find that Mr Macmillan has kept to one unvarying principle since becoming Prime Minister amid the ruins of the Suez aftermath.

After Suez he conceived it to be his duty to get on good terms again with America. That was the keystone of his policy. But he has carried that policy so far that he has become devoted to it.

From that time onwards he decided that never again would

Britain cause a moment's annoyance in Washington.

He has stuck to that resolve. When Washington has wanted Summits, he has been all for Summits. When Washington has been against compromise over Berlin, he has promptly shuddered at the very idea.

How logical then that, when John Kennedy was elected President and took the line that Britain ought to join the Common Market, Mr Macmillan was suddenly convinced of the glittering merits of the Common Market.

Tory Party spokesmen are still saying that no decision over the Common Market has been made in Whitehall. Quite true. The decision has been made in Washington.

Yet how tragic that Mr Macmillan should not have asked himself why it was made. President Kennedy was not trying to serve Britain's interests. That is not his job. He is America's President, not Britain's.

His immediate motive in getting Britain integrated with Europe was strategic.

He hoped that Europe—strengthened by the country which kept up the fight for freedom in the last war when the rest of the Continent had packed it in—would provide a solid defence buffer between America and Russia.

He may not even have considered that as a result Canada, Australia, and New Zealand—cut off from the Commonwealth—would inevitably fall neatly into Wall-street's lap.

So he told Mr Macmillan: "If you stay outside the Common Market, the West will be gravely split. For that reason I want you to join."

Mr Macmillan might have replied that it was not Britain that was splitting the West. It was not Britain that was forming a new bloc and threatening to build a new Turk wall against her allies. It was the countries of the Common Market.

But Mr Macmillan, it seems, made no such reply. He did not argue.

## Still time

It is natural and wise that he should staunchly support the American alliance. But is he really helping either Western strength or even Anglo-American friendship by conforming to every twist and turn of American policy?

It could be argued that he is destroying both.

Is that really what he wants? Does he really want to be remembered as the Lord North of the television age?

There is still time for him to shake off the small clique of faint-hearts and fanatics who are determined to steer us into the Common Market. There is still time for him to save both the Commonwealth and himself.

But that time can be counted in days.

—(London Express Service).

# Four-minute warning: it all seems so unreal in this wilderness...

Fylingdales. THE scene before me is strange, and beautiful, and possibly the most expensive advertisement of our industrial problems yet constructed.

Up here on these wild and stony Yorkshire moors, something like £45 million is being spent in building Britain's Bolle Missile Early Warning Station.

It is supposed to play a crucial part in the Western defences. It now seems certain that

by J. W. M. Thompson

labour troubles are going to make it a late starter.

Recently one of the contractors tried to recruit an entirely new force of steel erectors, having sucked 70 men for persistently holding up the work. But most of the men have been re-instated.

The whole construction programme is being discussed to see if jobs can be re-shuffled to make up time lost in strikes and

disputes. There is an enormous amount of work still to be done. It is a rather startling state of affairs, and not an easy one to explain.

The steel erectors are not badly paid. They have been getting £30 a week or more for a full week's work, and driving off in their seaside lodgings in their own cars.

But something has gone sour.

"Nothing must wobble when the dishes are in use," it was explained to me gravely. "After all, we've only got four minutes, and it would be a pity to waste a minute standing the equipment."

Had I walked on for a few miles across the moor I would have come to the sea. And out there, for all we know, are Russian Polaris-type submarines which would certainly not give four minutes' warning of anything they chose to launch in this direction.

## 'Hazard area'

Perhaps that thought, too, has dimmed any sense of urgency among the steel erectors. Then there is the unsettling presence of the "hazard area." This innocent-seeming stretch of heather reaches forward for more than a mile from where the transmitters will operate. No one will ever be allowed to go there.

The radiation from the equipment, emitted as it probes forward thousands of miles in space, is deadly to living things at close range.

It will probably wipe out the bird population (although one hopeful theory is that birds receive some danger signal from the radiation and change course). At any rate, the grouse and the skylarks, who are singing like mad at the moment, will have to take their own chance. The operators, on the other hand, not being so expendable, must be protected; and a singularly bizarre form the protection is taking.

Every single operation building is being cloaked in sheet metal to screen off the radiation. The thick metal skin wraps round the walls, over the roof and under the floor. It is all welded together—30 miles of welded joints. Not one hair-line crack is permissible.

So the radar men will be working inside the biggest tin can in the world, dependent upon air-conditioning and artificial light... right in the centre of this most magnificent of natural open spaces.

They will even have to travel to their scientific ants' nest along metal tunnels cut off from all contact with the air or the earth.

For me, this sad irony says much about this extraordinary place.

In a landscape where barely a stone has shifted since prehistoric times, we have found it necessary to create this scientific nightmare—in the hope of avoiding infinitely worse horrors.

One day, whenever the work is finished, it may give us four minutes' warning of the approach of mass destruction. Four minutes. The time machine seems to have crashed its gears suddenly on these ancient moors.

—(London Express Service).

# THE HUSH-HUSH PLANE

Secrecy shrouds the new Trident—but is it necessary?

FOR a reason I find hard to understand the security wraps have been placed around the 600 m.p.h. de Havilland Trident triple-jet airliner due to make its first flight soon after the end of this year.

When I visited the de Havilland works at Hatfield, my guides kept me well away from the assembly shops where the prototype Trident (with several others) is rapidly taking shape.

No military security is involved. So why the mystery? The answer is that de Havilland do not want their rivals abroad, especially the American Boeing concern which is producing an airliner that is largely a copy of the Trident, to know just how the aircraft is shaping.

Understandable—if every-one was kept out.

Airlines in talks But de Havilland are having talks with many airlines—possible customers for the £1,250,000 airliner.

These airlines have also been considering the Boeing 727. It would be remarkable if the American firm did not know the state of de Havilland progress on the Trident.

Moreover, all the details of the Trident have been published, and the Hawker-Siddeley Group chairman, Sir Thomas Sopwith, has given an indication in the last few days as to when the airliner is likely to make its maiden flight.

Britain needs customers for this fine aircraft. Let us tell the world how nearly ready it is!

## NEWS IN THE AIR

by James Stuart

## German designer

Kurt Tank, famous German airplane designer—he produced the Focke-Wulf 100 of the war; deadly rival of the Spitfire—heads the design team which has just built India's new supersonic HF24 twin-jet fighter.

The HF24, built by the Hindustan Aircraft concern, has just made its first flight. It is fine looking—rather British in appearance. In fact, the German designer has given the Indian airplane two Bristol Orpheus jet engines to provide its power.

—(London Express Service).

## Surrealist

The wilderness is still here, all around, and it is now called a national park. But bang in the middle is this surrealist inter-ruption of weird buildings under construction, with hundreds of men more or less busy on them.

The whole thing is so unreal, and so prodigious, that it is not surprising some people have lost their sense of balance.

I have just walked round the three concrete pedestals which (one day) will support the 175-ton radar "dishes." These pedestals weigh tens of thousands of tons, and reach down 20 yards below the ground.

—(London Express Service).

CONCLUDING THE SERIES ON LONDON'S MAGISTRATES

# A nudge, a wink mean a lot in this court Dickens knew so well...

IF Mr Frank Powell had his way Oliver Twist would be compulsory reading for metropolitan magistrates.

One of its lessons, he would explain, was that although Oliver looked guilty of pocket-picking, he was not, just as many youths with cockcomb haircuts who appear before him in Clerkenwell Magistrate's Court are less guilty than they appear.

He might add that his is the court where Oliver was wrongly convicted, although it was moved, from Hatton Garden to Kings Cross-road in 1945. But this, too, is Dickens's London, and Mr Powell is very conscious of the fact.

The Fleet river flows under the road outside the court. Near by is the faded elegance of Percy Circus and Lloyd Square and splendid Georgian houses now crumbling rookeries with a family on each floor if not in each room.

Dickens would have been at amused as Powell at the young

woman who appeared in the dock recently with a baby in her arms.

The magistrate said firmly that he could not deal with the defendant while she was holding the child. Cried the woman: "Don't part me from my baby!" The public gallery turned accusing eyes on Powell, who was himself rather touched.

The woman was quickly convicted and had obviously earned three months' imprisonment.

## BORROWED...

Thinking of the baby, Powell gave her one month. Later, he sent for the probation officer and asked her to make arrangements for the child to be kept at Holloway. "I can't do that," she replied, "because she only borrowed it for the hearing."

But there is much in Finsbury, Bloomsbury, St. Pancras, Camden Town and Islington that Dickens, who lived in Doughty Street near by, would not recognise. And much has changed since Frank Powell, now a brisk and healthy 70, started his career in the courts 56 years ago, the first rung on his ladder being a junior barrister's clerk's job in Sir John Simon's chambers.

## THE NAMES

There are the Cyriots, for example. Some 10,000 Greek Cyriots live in this quarter and Powell makes maintenance arrangements with the courts in Nicola and Famagusta as frequently as other magistrates deal with say, Newcastle and Coventry.

Cyriots and West Indians appear in the dock almost every day and more than a quarter of the defendants before Powell come from outside Europe.

But by far the most frequent inhabitants of the dock are the Irish.

Strangely these quiet, gentle men standing politely before the magistrate contrast with the police witness's tale of mayhem from the night before. Near here work the diamond-polishers and the watch-makers and the diamond-smugglers and the watch-smugglers. Often excitement follows a trail

combed elegantly past one delicate ear. She is a drug addict. She has been away from the hospital where she was being treated and has been found with packets of heroin and cocaine. Her parents are in court and promise to take her back.

Perhaps Bill Sikes would have been more impressed than Fagin by the youths who follow her in the dock. They are tough and cocky and they wear their hair in high helmet-crests, and, sometimes, a single gold earring.

Some are charged with being "suspected persons" hanging about parked cars and it is amazing how many have a string of convictions at courts all over the country.

"You say you've got your sights," Powell tells one. "But what about your responsibilities?" But more effective than any lecture is Powell's technique of splitting up a gang.

He knows they love to twag-ger into the dock shoulder to shoulder, under the admiring gaze of their girls in the public gallery. So he remains on for each day of the coming week. Alone in the dock they look dejected and lost.

They find Mr Powell much more amenable than Oliver Twist found Mr Fagin, but his hand can be heavy.

## THE FACES

Dickens would certainly have been richly amused by the public gallery at Clerkenwell and the use the magistrate makes of it. It is packed each morning with friends of the accused and

by looking past the dock at their faces Powell often learns a lot. There was the case of two car thieves chased by the police, one of whom escaped.

As he tried the single prisoner, Powell noticed a youth in the public gallery nodding and shaking his head and mumbling to himself as each question was put to the accused.

Quietly Powell ordered a policeman to guard the public entrance. Then he ordered the police witnesses to examine the faces in the public gallery. Did they recognise anybody? A minute later the second child had joined his friend in the dock.

## HIS 'JURY'

Frank Powell hears some 10,000 cases a year—the other two magistrates at Clerkenwell share another 30,000—and this experience has led him to a useful conclusion.

As he listens to answers from the dock he watches the public gallery and he has come to know what sort of reaction—a nudge, a wink, or a satisfied grin—is likely to follow a particularly audacious lie. He does not act upon this information, of course. But it does lead him to think that he may be the only magistrate's court in the United Kingdom with what could be called a jury.

Tom Pocock

—(London Express Service).







# RAIN MARS FIRST DAY'S TEST

## Lawry helps Australians put up 124 for four in 2½ hours of fine cricket

Manchester, July 27.

Persistent rain washed out more than half a day's play in the fourth Test between England and Australia here today after a 20,000 crowd had seen some of the best cricket of the series.

Australia, who won the toss scored 124 for four, with an undefeated 64 by Bill Lawry, in an eventful two and a half hours before rain stopped play for the day half an hour after lunch.

Old Trafford's dismal record of hours of play lost through rain today topped the century mark in Tests since the war. Altogether 103 hours have been lost in 10 Tests, including today.

### Lively pitch

This vital match—each side have won one with one drawn in the five match series—lived up to expectations from the start today.

The pitch, a little slow at first, became more lively towards lunch and gave the pace bowlers some encouragement, but at the same time it was fast and true enough to tempt the batsmen to make strokes.

The Australian batsmen faced a battery of four pace men in Trueman, Statham, Flavell and Dexter and at one stage both Statham and one took two wickets, and Flavell were able to move the ball off the pitch fast enough to make batting uncomfortable.

Norman O'Neill, who made 11, went through 62 minutes of torment. After being struck twice on the thigh and twice in the groin, he was hit on the arm by a short ball from Trueman and in swinging round fell and broke his own wicket.

An X-ray revealed that he had burst a blood vessel in the muscle of his left forearm, but the injury is not serious and he will be able to bat and field.

### TEST SCORES

#### FIRST DAY

FIRST INNINGS				
Australia				
W. M. Lawry not out	64			
R. B. Simpson c Murray b Statham	4			
R. N. Harvey c Subba Row b Statham	19			
N. C. O'Neill hit wicket b Trueman	11			
P. J. Burge b Flavell	15			
B. C. Booth not out	6			
Extras	5			
Total (for four wickets)	124			
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-51, 3-80, 4-106.				
To bat: K. D. Mackay, A. K. Davidson, R. Benaud, A. W. Grant and G. D. McKenzie.				
BOWLING TO DATE				
	O	M	R	W
Trueman	14	1	55	1
Statham	9	0	35	2
Flavell	14	2	23	1
Dexter	2	0	6	0

England to bat: P. B. H. May, R. Subba Row, E. R. Dexter, G. Pullar, K. F. Barrington, D. B. Close, J. T. Murray, D. A. Allen, F. S. Trueman, J. B. Statham and J. A. Flavell.

Umpires: John Langridge and W. E. Phillips.

### Italy wins Prix Des Nations show jumping trophy

London, July 27.

Italy won the Prix Des Nations show jumping trophy at the White City Stadium here today after a thrilling duel with the British team.

The Italian had only eight faults in the two rounds to take the Prince of Wales Cup for the second time, their last victory being in 1955.

The British team had 12 faults to finish second, and the Germans 47½ points to take third place.

The Republic of Ireland were fourth with 48½ points, and Sweden fifth and last with 70 points.—Reuters.

### Predominate triumphs in the Goodwood Cup

Goodwood, July 27.

Mr. H. J. Joel's Predominate won the Goodwood Cup, run over two miles and five furlongs here today.

Mr. D. Leyland-Naylor's Shatter was second and the Queen's horse Agreement third.

Official starting prices were: 11-4 Predominate, 11-4 Shatter, 7-2 Agreement.

Predominate started favourite at 9 to 4.

Predominate won by a short head with three lengths between second and third.—Reuters.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Manchester, July 27.

Rain, heavy at times, fell in the Old Trafford area most of the evening.

The official forecast for tomorrow was cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle during the morning with a chance of bright periods during the afternoon.—APP.

### Australian rugby tourists held to a draw

Whitlock, July 27.

The Australian Rugby Union team escaped defeat with a last-minute penalty-goal in the first match of their tour of South Africa here yesterday. They drew 14-14 with South-West Africa.

In the closing seconds, fly-half John Doves landed a penalty-goal from near the touchline to earn a draw in a thrilling match.

South-West Africa, given little chance of even extending the Wallabies, played like an inspired team. Their forwards held the mystery over the Australian pack for much of the game, and the Wallabies were often on the defensive.

The Australians play six matches in the Union, two of them Tests against South Africa.—Reuters.

## RECORD-BREAKERS



Four New Zealanders, headed by Olympic champion Peter Snell, smashed the world 4 x one mile relay record in Dublin last week. Their time of 16 mins 23.8 secs beat the old record, set up by an Hungarian team two years ago, by 1.4 secs.

The New Zealand team consisted of Peter Snell, Gary Philpott (New Zealand record holder), Murray Halberg (world two-mile record holder) and Barry Magee (Olympic marathon bronze medalist).

Picture shows two members of the team, Peter Snell and Gary Philpott after this record-breaking race. Snell ran an astounding 4 min 13 sec final leg in the relay to enable the New Zealanders to break the world record.—Reutersphoto.

## Art Wall Jr takes PGA Golf Tournament first round lead

Chicago, July 27.

Art Wall Jr, racked with aches and pains for most of the last two years, leaped back into the bigtime golf picture today with a 3-under-par 67 which gave him the opening round lead in the 43rd Professional Golfers' Association Championship.

The slender professional who hasn't played a tournament in four weeks because of a torn groin muscle, came in late over the Olympia Fields Country Club course to go ahead of defending champion Jay Hebert and a golfing plumber from Oklahoma City, Ernie Vossler, tied for second at 68.

The two favourites—Arnold Palmer and Gary Player—fell well back with rounds of 73 and 72, respectively, and levelled angry blasts at the rough fairways of the Olympia Course. Tied at 69 were former

champion Doug Ford, tiny, 135-pound Jerry Barber and Bill Heinlein, a 50-year-old club professional, the only other players in the star-spangled field of 187 to break the Olympia's 35-35-70 par.—AP.

## 17 entries for World Modern Pentathlon Championship

Moscow, July 27.

Japan is one of 17 countries entered for the World Modern Pentathlon Championship, to be held here from August 19 to 23.

The Organising Committee said today that entries have been filed by the following: Austria, Britain, Bulgaria, Brazil, Hungary, East Germany, West Germany, Mexico, Poland, Rumania, The Soviet Union, The United States, Finland, France, Czechoslovakia, Sweden and Japan.

All will field complete teams with the exception of France, who plan to send only two entrants for the individual competition.

The programme of events is: August 19—Cross-country Riding, at Planernaya Station, 23 kilometres from Moscow. August 20—Fencing, in the 15,000-seat Sports Palace. August 21—Shooting, at the Dynamo Firing Range, where the 1958 World Shooting Championships were held. August 22—Swimming, in the pool of the Lenin Central Stadium. August 23—Cross-country Running, at Planernaya.—Reuters.

## CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN

Nineteen-year-old Nasser Hossain is regarded by his Pakistani countrymen as a player capable of emulating the great Sultan Khan, who defeated the finest masters in the West. Judge for yourself how good is Nasser Hossain from this game (Nasser Khan Hossain played recently in Lahore).

1 P-K4, P-QB3; 2 P-Q4, P-Q4; 3 Kt-KB3, P-KB3; 4 Kt-K4, P-KB3; 5 Kt-KB3, P-KB3; 6 P-B3, Kt-Q2; 7 B-Q3, Kt-KB3; 8 O-O, O-O; 9 B-KB4, Kt-R4; 10 B-K3, Qh3-B3; 11 Q-B2, Kt-Q4; 12 QR-K1, Kt-B5; 13 Kt (K4), Kt3 P-KR4; 14 Q-Q2, Kt-KB3; 15 Q-Kt3, B-Kt5; 16 P-KR3, B-Kt1; 17 P-B3, Q-Q2; 18 K-R2, Q-Q3; 19 K-R2, Q-K1; 20 Kt-K4, B-B2; 21 Q-Q2, P-KB4; 22 P-QB4, Kt-B3; 23 P-Kt4, P-Kt1; 24 P-P, R-R; 25 R-R, P-KB1; White resigns. White has no compensation for the piece.

Solution No. 6072: 1 K-R3 (waiting), R any; 2 Kt-B3 or 2 Kt-Kt6 mates accordingly. Not 1 B-QB5? R-B (Kt3)!

London Express Service.

## INJURED STAR CAN SEE ONLY A BLUR

## The Noob must wear a contact lens

By HARRY CARPENTER

The 20-year-old cricketer Nawab of Pataudi will have to wear a contact lens in the right eye that was injured in a car smash on July 1.

"I am not depressed," he told me. "Only thankful. At one time the doctors thought I would have to lose the eye."

On his first day out of hospital, he talked about his future in his Brighton hotel suite overlooking the sea. Will this brilliant young skipper of Oxford's XI ever be able to play cricket as well again?

"I don't know. At the moment, all I can see out of the damaged eye is a blur—although it's better today than it was yesterday."

### Dark glasses

Screwing up both eyes behind the dark glasses he must wear constantly, he peered at me, on the sofa across the room from him. "I can see you better," he said, "if I shut the bad one."

"I am to have a second, cleaning up operation in about two months. Eventually, the doctors say, I should be able to see well enough to do the everyday things. They've done a marvellous job. But cricket—well, we'll have to wait and see."

## LANGRIDGE, ALLEY TOP COUNTY CRICKET PERFORMANCES

Middlesex gaining ground on Yorkshire

London, July 27.

Two left-handed batsmen of vastly different ages, Richard Langridge (22) and Australian-born Bill Alley (42) hit the high spots in today's English County Cricket programme.

Langridge scored his maiden century in taking 100 off the attack of Championship leaders Sussex and helped Sussex to pass Yorkshire's total of 350 for four declared with only three men out in this run feast.

On the way to his 100 Langridge passed 1,000 runs in only his first full season in County Cricket.

### First to hit 2,000

Alley hit his seventh century of the summer, playing for Somerset against Northamptonshire and when he was at 116 he became the first player this year to reach 2,000 runs. He and Ken Palmer put on 205 in a record sixth wicket stand for Somerset.

The Australian was finally out after batting 267 minutes and hitting two sixes and 22 fours in his 150.

Somerset, after making 420 runs for six declared in reply to Northants' 167, look set for an easy win tomorrow after they captured seven Northants' second innings wickets for 85 before rain ended play shortly before the scheduled close today.

Middlesex, fractionally behind Yorkshire at the top of the County table, stepped up their challenge today.

While Yorkshire failed to get first innings points, Middlesex gained a lead of 49 runs and bonus points against Derbyshire.

Derbyshire were 116 for two at one stage in reply to the Middlesex score of 267, but then six wickets fell for the addition of 42.

### Closing scores

Close of play scores in today's cricket matches were:

At Lord's: Middlesex 267 and 103 for two (R. Gale 52 not out), Derbyshire 218 (W. Oates 52). Bad light stopped play.

At Workson: Nottinghamshire 431 for four declared and 94 for no wicket (N. Hill 52). Lancashire 154 (G. Houston 68, A. Corran five for 81). Rain stopped play.

At Clacton: Glamorgan 273 for eight declared and 182 for three declared (P. Walker 91 not out, J. Pressdee 91 not out). Essex 105 (J. Evans five for 37) and 26 for no wicket.

At Stourbridge: Leicestershire 235 and 71 for one. Worcestershire 237 (G. Dews 51, B. Boshier five for 57). Rain stopped play.

At Hove: Yorkshire 350 for four declared and 108 for two (J. Dolan 88 not out). Sussex 251 for three declared (J. Latham 107, R. Langridge 109, K. Suttle 74 not out).

At Northampton: Northamptonshire 107 and 85 for seven. Somerset 420 for six declared (W. Alley 150, K. Palmer 123 not out, M. Scott six for 133). Rain stopped play.

At Bristol: Gloucestershire 141 and 131 for six (R. Nicholls 57). Hampshire 251 (R. Marshall 77, H. Horton 54, A. Brown five for 49).

At Birmingham: Warwickshire 331 for eight declared and 29 for one. Surrey 268 (A. Parson 72, S. Storey 47). Rain stopped play.—Reuters.

## Roger Becker's suspension shortened

London, July 27.

The suspension of Roger Becker the British Davis Cup player by the Lawn Tennis Association, has been shortened, it was announced here today.

The suspension began on June 19, and was to have lasted at least until the next meeting of the LTA Council on October 5, but the Council now state that a letter of apology has been received from Becker, and that after further consideration, it has been decided to end the suspension on September 11.

The suspension was imposed for "conduct detrimental to the interests of the game."

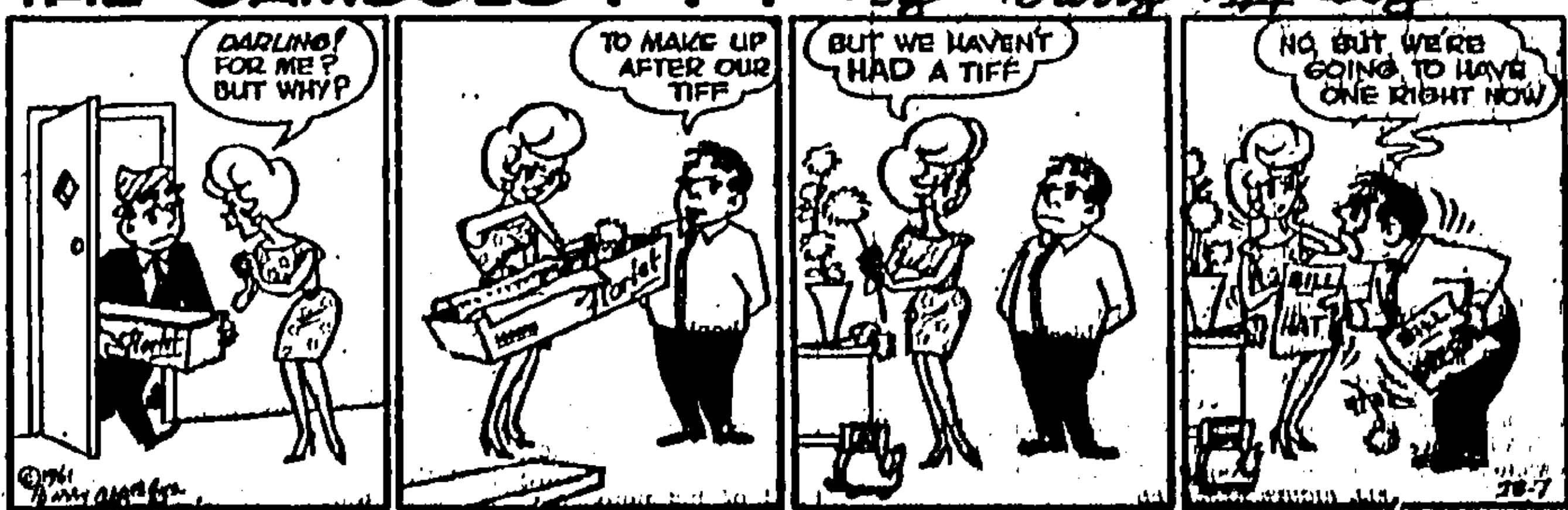
This followed a series of newspaper articles in which Becker commented on the captaincy and management of Britain's Davis Cup team just before their match against South Africa at Birmingham.

During his suspension Becker was barred from playing in tournaments anywhere in the world.—Reuters.



## THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



## Cooking Problems Solved





DESMOND HACKETT at the GREYHOUND DERBY

# The dog that put £26,500 in the till

The last money Alfred Heale picked up (before he won £26,540 at White City recently) was tencence for a quarter of tinned meat in his grocery shop down in Plaistow, London's East End.

Alfred — "Call me Alfie, cock," he says — picked that £26,540 up in exactly 28.88 seconds, because his dog Palm's Printer could run 525 yards faster than any other in the Greyhound Derby. And well-barbered, powerfully built, cheerful Alfie looked the part of the big owner in his sleek black silk dinner jacket.

You would never have thought that a few hours earlier he was in his shop — "no bigger than your front room mate" — rigged out in white jacket and apron serving the old dears. And giving them a tip, too. "Don't forget to have a little flutter, on Palm's Printer."

The tip to the customers, they reckon in Plaistow, netted Alfie's regulars upwards of £10,000. Housewives who never gambled more than sixpence on a Christmas raffle had their five bob on Palm's Printer; bigger punters plunged more heavily.

So there shouldn't be much trouble in paying the weekly bills that Alfie Heale totted up as usual. There was plenty of money about when the Heale shop opened up in the morning, come to that.

But no taking time off to celebrate.

"I celebrated the other week," said Alfie. "I just knew he couldn't lose."

## Coveted

Alfie gave the bookies more than a patter. He looked 'em in the Old Kent Road by backing his dog weeks ago, at odds ranging from a benevolent 100-1 down to a more respectful 16-1.

His betting wins from a total outlay of £530 added up to £24,540, and he got another £2,000 for winning the Greyhound Derby, plus the coveted silver trophy. Millionaires have spent thousands just to take home that cup.

A big-hearted lad is our Alfie. He gave the trainer, Paddy McEvoy, £14,000. He gave the beaming, proud young kennel lad £150. "Down in Plaistow," he bawled on, "even the vicar slipped on a few bob."

Even before Alfie became the pride of his bank manager, he had sent round magnum of champagne to the five other owners and wished them luck. Alfie slipped orange squash. "Don't smoke. Don't drink. I'm mad keen on being fit," he said.

"Cor, I had a fair old wind up on D-Day," watching old Palm's was no bother. Dog-loving Alfie might never have had a Derby winner if someone had not poisoned his Alsations.

## Dragged

His wife reckoned greyhounds would be less nuisance. She bought Palm's Printer for him. The price is secret — but her hardworking business must be thriving. "My mother-in-law had a each way and then rang up four times to see how the bet went. I didn't have a bean on tonight because."

Then Alfie, still talking away, was dragged back to the White City's long, lush restaurant where West End service seemed a long, long way from the ale-and-jellied-eel atmosphere of Plaistow.

It was, however, "Knees Up Mother Brown" on the popular side of the White City. When proud Alf took Palm's Printer — registered in the name of his son, Don — on the victory

circuit you could hear a roar of 50,000 cockneys: "Good old Alfie boy."

And Alfie boy gave them the old thumbs-up salute.

For the ill-informed, greyhound racing is not just a matter of getting six dogs into the traps, and completing another good turn for the bookmaker. The arrangements are almost as precise and exacting as a royal visit.

## No escape

Each dog must have an identity book to be produced before racing. Every race and trial time and result must be entered in this dog-log.

Working to a second, the track staff check that there are no escape routes for the dogs to run off the track, take the cover off the electric hare — it's a rabbit skin on a wooden block — carry on the traps and check that they are working.

As the dogs leave the trap a ship's bell is rung — known to unfortunate punters as "the looking bell." Even the bookmaker is well disciplined. It costs him around £200 for such items as triple admission fee, tax at £12 a race, staff tie-the men, and the large sign: "Nothing less than ten shillings taken."

And not for Honest Joe the tanner each way. Even in the six-shilling ring there is the large sign: "Nothing less than ten shillings taken."

The tote? Well, Alfie Heale would tell you: "Bless your heart, it's for the track owners so they can print their own money."



Man with best friend. Alfie Heale, grocer, from Plaistow: Palm's Printer, top dog, from Wexford, Ireland

## HKFA TO START A COACHING CLASS

The Hongkong Football Association proposes to start a Coaching Class in the early part of August 1961.

The general intentions behind this movement are:

★ To try and improve the standard of soccer in the Colony.

★ To enable Mr. Lai Shu-wing, Hon. Council of the Association, to impart all that he has recently learnt in England to local coaches and other persons interested in coaching.

Briefly, the scheme is as follows:

★ A class comprising not fewer than 15 and not more than 30 persons will be formed.

★ All coaches from Clubs playing in the First Division, Referees, Ex-Interceptors and other persons interested in coaching are cordially invited to register with the Association in the form which may be obtained from the Secretary upon application.

## No fee

★ Applications for registration will be accepted as from Monday, July 31, 1961, and will close on Saturday, August 5, 1961. No registration fee is required but, should the number

of applicants exceed 30, the Association will select only those most suitable for training, leaving the others for class or classes to be formed later.

★ Once the Class is formed, successful candidates will be required to undergo a training course of approximately 2 months. Lessons will be given by Mr. Lai Shu-wing between the hours of 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Mr. Lai will be assisted by Mr. Lee Wai-long and Mr. A. A. Forbes who are the only two qualified English FA coaches in the Colony.

★ Every person attending a lecture-course or training session will be paid \$2.00 each for travelling expenses by the Association.

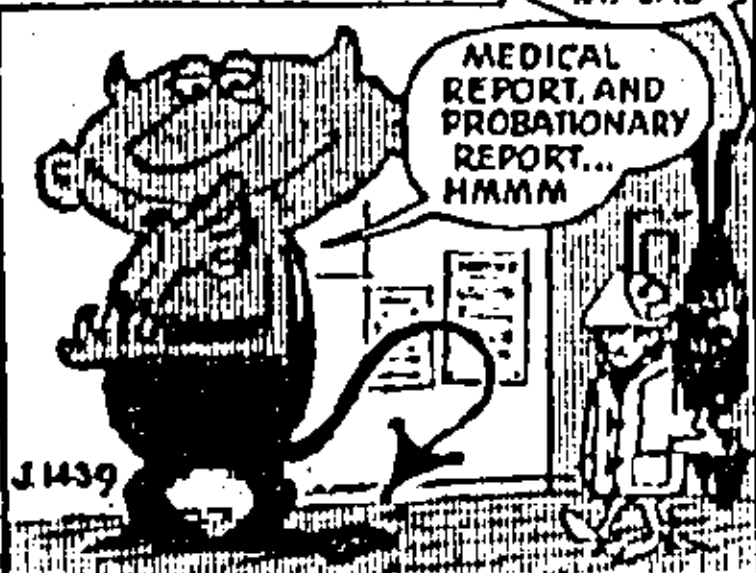
★ At the expiry of the training period all those who have participated in the course and who have had at least 50 training hours will be required to sit in an examination set by Mr. Lee Wai-long and Mr. Forbes with the approval of the Association.

★ Successful candidates will then be issued with a Certificate each by the HKFA after which their services will be available to all Clubs and Schools.

★ The remuneration to be paid to a qualified coach for services rendered to member Clubs or Schools will be determined by the Association.

## Four D. Jones

BY MADDOCKS



## FERD'NAND

By Mik



## NOBODY WOULD BE STUPID ENOUGH TO COME OUT TONIGHT

By Ernie Bushmiller



## NANCY



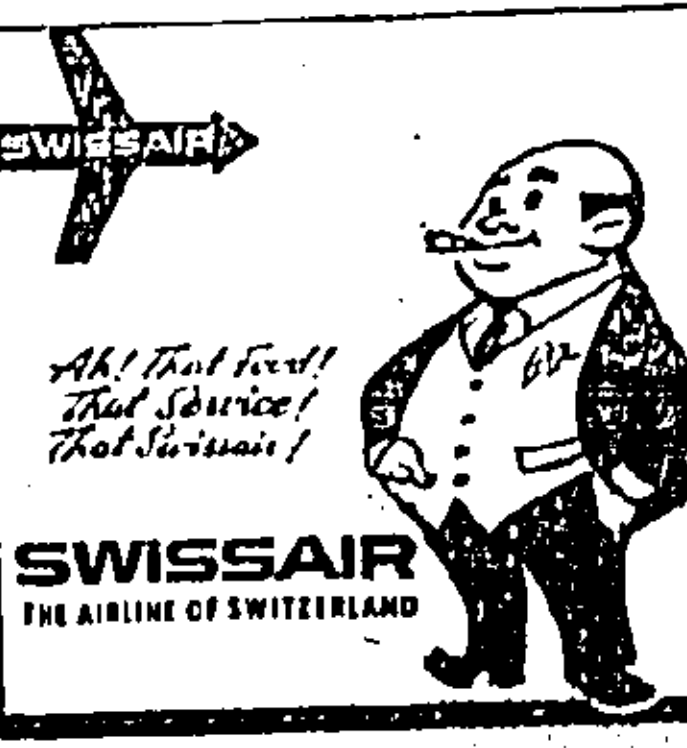
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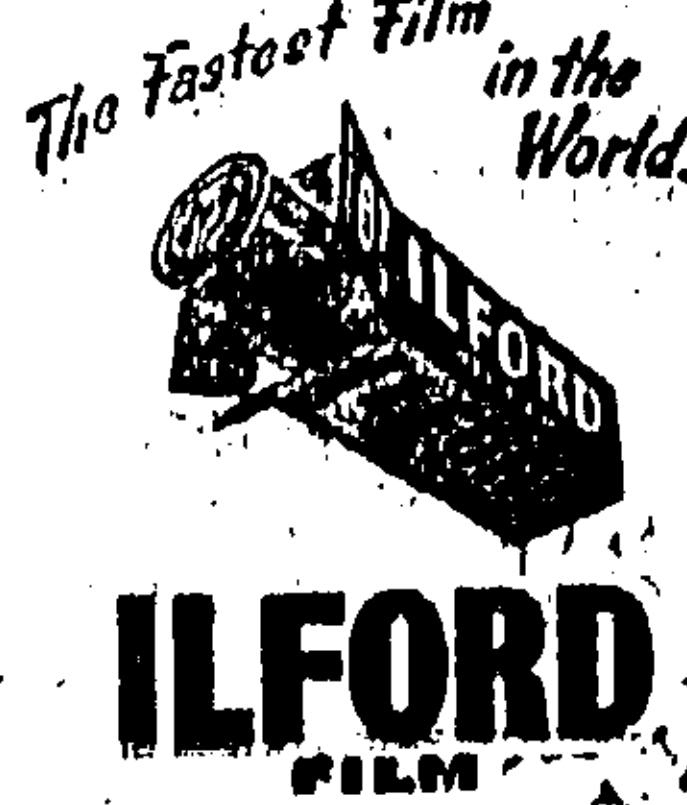
## THAT SHOT CAME FROM THE TREE



By Paul Norris



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## REDLEGS INCREASE NL BASEBALL LEAD

Milwaukee, July 27.

Speedy Vada Pinson started for the plate with the bases loaded and knocked the ball out of catcher Sammy White's glove in scoring the deciding run for the Cincinnati Redlegs today in their 2-1 victory over the Milwaukee Braves.

The triumph boosted the Reds' first-place lead over Los Angeles to a game and a half. Pinson, the slightly-built Cincinnati center-fielder, was on the front end of what started to be a triple steal with two outs in the ninth and a count of two balls and no strikes on pinch hitter Jerry Lynch.

White took the pitch and applied the tag and umpire Frank Dascoll signalled the runner up. Dascoll quickly changed his mind as Pinson's slide dislodged the ball from White's grasp.

The run broke a pitcher duel between Cincinnati right-hander

Bob Purkey and Carl Willey, the hard luck member of the Braves' pitching staff. Purkey pitched up his 13th victory as against five losses, while Willey went down to his fifth defeat in eight decisions.

The Reds picked up a run in the first but the Braves came back to tie the count in the fourth. The two teams battled on even terms until the top of the ninth.

Scores were:

Cincinnati ..... 100-000-001-2-4-1  
Milwaukee ..... 000-100-000-1-8-1

Purkey and Edwards; Willey and White; W-Purkey (13-5), L-Willey (3-5).—AP.

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The 2nd Battalion, 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles, under the command of Lt-Col Elliot T. Horsford, arrived in the troopship *Nevada* this morning. Returning to Hongkong after 12 years' absence, the Battalion is to join the 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade Group, replacing the 1st Battalion, 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles who will return to Malaya tomorrow in the troopship on completion of two years' tour of duty.  
The Pipe Band of the 2nd Battalion, 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles, greeted the arrival of the troopship. Picture shows two Gurkhas disembarking.

## JOHNSON GIVEN JUDGMENT AGAINST GIBBS

Mr Justice W. A. Blair-Kerr in the Supreme Court this morning awarded judgment with costs to Mr Linden E. Johnson, managing director of the Empire Manufacturers Limited, against Mr Charles E. Gibbs, a former employee of the company, who had claimed damages for alleged malicious prosecution.

Mr Justice Blair-Kerr, in his judgment, said that the plaintiff, Mr Gibbs, had failed to prove that the defendant, Mr Johnson, had instituted the prosecution, or acted without reasonable and probable cause and acted maliciously.

The plaintiff conducted his own case, and the defendant was represented by Mr Leslie Wright, on the instruction of Mr F. D. Hammond of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master. In his judgment, Mr Justice Blair-Kerr said the burden of proof which lay on the plaintiff

in an action for malicious prosecution was a heavy one. It mattered little whether or not the plaintiff was able to show that he was not guilty of the offence charged and that was not the question before the court.

### THREE THINGS

"To succeed in an action for malicious prosecution, the plaintiff must prove inter alia the following three things:—  
1.—That the prosecution was instituted by the defendant; (Contd. on Page 5, Col. 5)

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## PIRATED RECORDS FROM FORMOSA CAUSING ALARM IN COLONY, U.S.

*Brought here mainly by Chinese seamen*

By CARL MYATT

The pirating of American-manufactured records is causing widespread alarm both in Southeast Asia and the United States.



Senior Superintendent Tom Cashman, former Director of the Anti-Corruption Branch and the Narcotics Bureau, called in the Italian liner *Asia* this morning on retirement with his wife, after 29 years' service with the Hongkong Police Force.  
The Cashmans were seen off by a large number of friends.  
Born in Hongkong, Mr Cashman received his early education at St Joseph's College, until he returned to Ireland with his late father, who retired as Chief Inspector of the Water Police in 1926. He returned in 1932 and joined the Police as a constable.  
The Cashmans will tour Europe before settling down in Cork, in Southern Ireland.—Staff photographer.

Dividend: \$1.20

## Macao Electric makes \$938,811

An increase of nearly four per cent in the sale of electricity by the Macao Electric Lighting Co Ltd, was announced by Mr H. de Barros Pereira, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company, at the annual general meeting held this morning in Alexandra House.

He said that the net profit after providing for usual outgoings, is \$938,811, plus a balance of \$200,303 brought forward from last year, and it was decided to pay a dividend of \$1.20 per share on 500,000 shares.

### SECONDED

Mr Mak Kiu-fan seconded the adoption of the report and accounts proposed by the Chairman, who also proposed the confirmation of the nomination to the Board of Mr Guilherme V. da Silva of Macao. This was

seconded by Mr Henrique Nolasco. Mr H. Nolasco da Silva was re-elected as Director on the Chairman's proposition, seconded by Dr D. O. Rodrigues. Mr Guilherme V. da Silva proposed the re-election of Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews as auditors, and this was seconded by Mr Victor B. da Silva.

Mr H. Caine of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master, Secretary, read the notice convening the meeting.

Matters are beginning to get so much out of hand that some dealers in Hongkong predict that if the pirating is not stopped as soon as possible, it would cause irreparable damage to the entire record industry.

Recent inquiries reveal that the records are being pirated and pressed in Formosa and are being brought into the Colony mainly by Chinese seamen.

At first business was done on a small scale, but so lucrative has it proved that the market is at present inundated with cheap copies of the latest hit recordings.

An EP, worth \$4 is pirated and sold for a quarter of the value.

### FIVE PLANTS

A pirated 10-inch long player, containing 12 top selections of mixed artists, sells for about \$6 compared with an LP containing the work of one recording star which would sell for anything between \$18 to \$24. The surface recordings of these pirated discs are poor, but the local teenager, as avidly interested as his counterpart anywhere else in the world, certainly doesn't complain. He gets his favourites, Elvis Presley, Pat Boone, Paul Anka, Frank Sinatra and Ricky Nelson all on one disc for next to nothing.

There are at present believed to be at least five pressing plants in Formosa producing these pirated discs.

Hongkong is the focal point of distribution. The result is that the legitimate dealer here is being hard hit. Sales have slumped to an all-time low and getting worse. On top of this there is no revenue for the composer, publisher, artist or recording company.

Dealers here are pessimistic about the future—and naturally so. Clamping down on the dealers of pirated records here will only stem the tide momentarily. Once pressure is brought to bear, it is certain that the men responsible for the situation, will turn their attention to other markets on a larger scale.

### POLICE MATTER

In a first effort to check the flood of cheap discs here, record agents, after consulting their collectors, their affiliated companies in the U.S. and the Record Industry Association of America—placed the matter in the hands of the Commercial Crimes Department of the Hongkong Police, who armed with a list of illegal distributors, recently carried out a series of raids.

At least eight establishments were raided and the owners, after pleading guilty to the charges of selling pirated discs, were fined.

But the task of bringing the Hongkong offenders to book is just secondary compared with the major problem being confronted by the dealers—that of chopping off the source of supply.

The only way this can be done is for the U.S. record industry to take the matter up with their Government and see that a formal protest is made to the Nationalist Government.

### Indian envoy going home

Mr G. Parthasarathi, outgoing Indian Ambassador to China, sailed with his wife and son Ashok on the Italian liner *Asia* this morning for home. Mr Parthasarathi had spent three years in China. He arrived from Canton by train on Sunday.

### CONSULS

Mr Baden Moerdono has been provisionally recognised as Consul for the Republic of Indonesia at Hongkong.

Mr Earl R. Michalka has been provisionally recognised as Consul for the United States at Hongkong.

Mr Masuo Takashima has been provisionally recognised as Consul for Japan at Hongkong.

## Government appointments gazetted

The following appointments, transfers and promotions were notified in today's Government Gazette:

Mrs A. Henson to be Senior Principal; Mr U. S. Coxhead to be Senior Education Officer; Mr A. D. Pegg to be Senior Education Officer; Mr C. W. Watson to be Senior Education Officer; Mr Wu Hui-tak to be Senior Education Officer.  
Mr Cheung Shiu-long to be acting Senior Education Officer; Mr C. T. Bell to be acting Senior Education Officer; Mr W. McGregor to be acting Senior Education Officer; Mr J. A. Maclean to be acting Senior Education Officer; Mr Tsang Koon-cuk to be acting Education Officer; Mrs Ting Cheng Nui-chen to be acting Principal Almoner.  
Mr M. D. A. Clifton ceased to act as Financial Secretary and resumed duty as Deputy Director of Fire Services.  
Mr F. M. Watson to be Divisional Officer, Fire Services Department; Mr M. J. Allnace to be acting District Fire Officer; Mr A. Martin to be acting Senior Divisional Officer; Mr A. E. H. Wood to be acting Senior Divisional Officer; Mr J. W. Pezzy to be acting Chief Stores Officer and Mr J. White to be acting Senior Stores Officer.  
Dr Edward Yee to be Medical and Health Officer; Dr G. L. Thomas to be acting Specialist and Dr Ng Wing-hong to be Medical and Health Officer.  
Mr D. Akers-Jones ceased to be District Officer and Assistant Collector of Stamp Revenue.  
Miss M. P. Taylor to be an Inspector of Schools; Mr Anthony Ng Chan-fan to be a Sub-Inspector of Schools; Mr Lau Yau-pong to be a Sub-Inspector of Schools; and Mr Kwong Sik-kwong ceased to be a Sub-Inspector of Schools.

From the Files

**25 years AGO**

July 1936

LEUTENANT-COLONEL I. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, OBE, relinquishes the appointment of Commandant, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from August 1, 1936, and is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel of the Corps.

His Excellency the Governor has approved the appointment of Captain R. C. B. Anderson, MC, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, to act as Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with local rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

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50 YEARS AGO

Extract from SCM Post 25 years ago column:

"It is no longer speculation, but, 'gambling pure and simple,' says a well-known resident who has given some attention lately to the boom in Hongkong property. In amplification of his statement he says that men of straw are buying house property on time.

"They pay down bargain money and take from two to three months to complete the purchase. Meanwhile they and their brokers are busy beating up prospective purchasers and several have been able to resell at handsome profits without handling the property.

"Here are some illuminating figures: A house in Causeway which cost the owner \$14,000, has been sold for \$21,000; two others near by, which cost less than \$14,000 have been sold for \$22,000 and \$24,000; two other houses, which cost the jobber \$21,000, are reported to have been sold for \$28,000; two blocks of four houses each have been secured by another jobber for a round sum and, believing this, asked the boy to take him to see his mother. The boy then admitted stealing the duck from Ngautaukoi.

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